(6) Reader: In the 1st Tone— If thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Come, all ye who love the feasts of the Church, and with hymns let us honor her who alone is the pure Theotokos and Virgin,
Virgin, for she is led into the temple of God,

dwell now splendidly,

the truly most holy temple of Christ, and mediatrix of all joy.
(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Throw open the doors, O prophet, and receive with faith her who is brought into the Temple of the Lord,

the boast of all angels and men, their radiant joy,
that she may dwell and dance within,
she who is the temple and abode of God.
(4) **Reader:** From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Israel hope in the Lord.

Mary, the Theotokos, is brought to the Temple,

receiving bread from the angel who appeared

crying to her: Rejoice! Without knowing man thou shalt
conceive a Son, O blessed Virgin Theotokos, Bride of God, thou goodly inheritance and restoration of mortals.
(3) Reader: For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

And He shall redeem Israel out of all his iniquities.

Today the city of Alexandria most wisely adorns itself, having thy swaddling clothes,

O martyr, within thy divine temple.
Wherefore, we also piously celebrate thine honored memory,

O Catherine. Pray thou in behalf of those who honor thee.
(2) **Reader:** O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peoples.

Today let us celebrate the memory of

Catherine, for by word and by deed she truly set at naught all the hosts of the enemy.
and the opposition of the rhetors.

By her prayers, O God, deliver us from the God-less foe.
And the truth of the Lord abideth forever.

Rejoice, most glorious and honored martyr Catherine,

for the mount of Sinai, whereon Moses beheld the bush which burned, yet was not consumed,
doth now keep thy God-pleasing body which Christ transferred thither, even until the time of His second coming.

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