

Divine Liturgy Variables on November 21 Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

REFRAINS OF THE FIRST ANTIPHON

1. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God and in His holy mountain. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.
2. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God.

REFRAINS OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

1. The Most High hath sanctified His tabernacle. Holiness and majesty are in His sanctuary.
2. This is the gate of the Lord, by which the righteous shall enter. Holy is Thy temple, and wonderful in righteousness.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

REFRAINS OF THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. Virgins shall be brought to the King after her: her companions shall be brought unto Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE **FOUR**

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THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

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DO NOT SING "WHEN THOU O LORD..."

KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE **FOUR**

*(** Thou Who wast raised up**)*

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today enters the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle. (**cadence**)

THE EPISTLE

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lamp stand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

MEGALYNARION OF THE ENTRANCE IN TONE **FOUR**

The Angels beholding the entrance of the all-pure one were overtaken by surprise; how hath the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since thou art a living temple of God, O Theotokos, no impure hand shall touch thee. But the lips of believers, let them ceaselessly laud thee, crying unto thee joyfully with the voice of the angels: Verily, O undefiled Virgin, thou art more exalted than all creatures. (cadence)

Koinonikon - I will receive the cup - Tone 8

I will re - ceive the cup of sal - va - tion, and call u - pon the
name of the Lord. Al - le lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a, al - le - lu - i - a.

CLERGY COMMUNION HYMN

Psalm 115.4, Tone 8

Refrain:

I will receive,
re- - ceive the cup
of sal- va- - tion
and call on the Name,
on the Name of the Lord.

READER: My vows unto the Lord will I pay in the presence of all his people.

(Psalm 115:5) **Refrain**

READER: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. *(Psalm 115:6)*

Refrain

READER: O Lord, I am thy servant; I am thy servant and the son of thy handmaid.

(Psalm 111:9) **Refrain**