

Hymns and Readings for Sunday 21st November 2021

The Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

FIRST ANTIPHON

[Music on website]

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Within her citadels, God has shown Himself a sure defence!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

[Music on website]

NB: In the refrain, the words 'glorified in Thy Saints' are replaced by 'Who arose from the dead'.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved!

O Son of God, Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Honour and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary!

O Son of God, Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it!

O Son of God, Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, Thy holy Temple!

O Son of God, Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Reader: Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour.

Troparion of the Entrance in Tone 4

[Music on website]

Today is the preview of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.

The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.

Let us rejoice and sing to her:

"Rejoice, O Divine Fulfilment//
of the Creator's dispensation!"

Reader: The King's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold.

Choir: ***Today is the preview of the good will of God ...***

Reader: She is brought to the King with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train.

Choir: ***Today is the preview of the good will of God ...***

TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

Troparion of the Resurrection in Tone 5

[[Music on website](#)]

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion of the Entrance in Tone 4

[[Music on website](#)]

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of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
"Rejoice, O Divine Fulfilment//
of the Creator's dispensation!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Kontakion of the Resurrection in Tone 5

[[Music on website](#)]

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Saviour,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Entrance in Tone 4

[[Music on website](#)]

The most pure Temple of the Saviour;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today to the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
which the angels of God do praise://
"Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!"

PROKEIMENA

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone.

Reader: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us, and preserve us from this generation forever.

Choir: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us, and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Choir: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us, and preserve us from this generation forever.

Reader: And in the Third Tone.

Reader: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Choir: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.

Ye Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has

been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen. [Galatians 6:11-18]

Ye Brethren: 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. [Hebrews 9:1-7]

ALLELUIA

Reader: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord spoke this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said this, Jesus called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." [Luke 12:16-21]

At that time: Jesus entered a village; and a woman called 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, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you 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 you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" [Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28]

ZADOSTOYNIK

[[Music on website](#)]

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.

How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

As thou art a living Temple of God

let no profane hand touch thee, O Theotokos.

But let the lips of all believers sing,

constantly magnifying thee in joy

with the angelic salutation:

"Truly, thou art above all creatures, O Pure One!"

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. I will take the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!