

Aposticha

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple - November 21

Kievan Chant

Model Melody: "Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross"

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Tone 5

Sticheron 1

Soprano
Alto

Heav - en and earth re-joice, be-hold - ing the spir - it - ual

Tenor
Bass

Heav - - - en, the only Virgin with-out blem - - - ish,

as she en - ters the house of God, there to be

reared in rev' - - - rence. Zach - a - ri - ah cried to her

in a - maze - - - - ment: "Gate of the Lord,

to you I open the gates of the Tem - - - - ple; re - joice and

go around it danc - - - - ing. For I know and believe that the

de - liv - er - ance of Is - ra - el will now come to dwell o -

pen - ly in - - - - our - - - - midst, and that from you shall be born

God the Word, // Who grants the world His great



mer - - - cy."

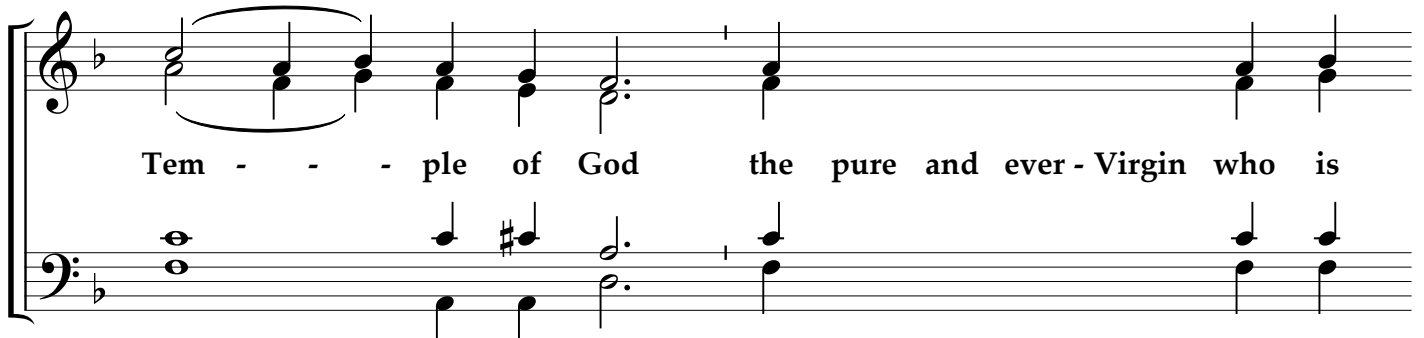
v.: Virgins shall be brought to the King after her; her companions shall be brought to You. (Psalm 44/45:15)

Sticheron 2

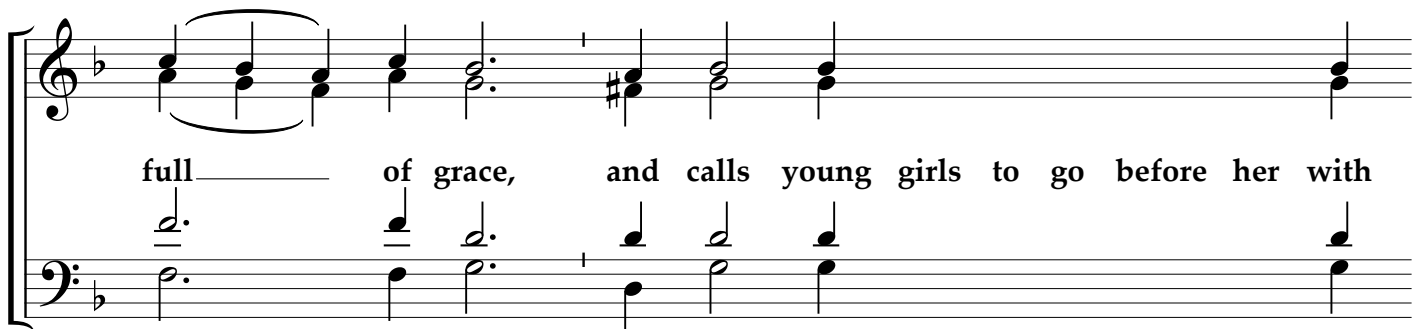


Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

An - na, the name - sake of grace, joy - ful - ly brings in - to the



Tem - - - ple of God the pure and ever - Virgin who is



full of grace, and calls young girls to go before her with

lamps in hand. She says: "Go, child, to Him Who

gave you to me; to be an offering and a sweet smelling

in - - - cense. Go into the inner sanctuary that none may

en - - - ter: learn its mys - teries and pre - pare your - self

to be - come the pleasing and fair dwelling - place of Je - - sus, //

Who grants the world His great mer - - - cy!"

v. They shall be brought with gladness and rejoicing; they shall be led into the Temple of the King. (Psalm 44/45:16)

Sticheron 3

The most ho - ly Vir - gin, the Tem - ple that is to con -

tain God, is dedicated within the Tem - ple of God;

and young girls, bearing lamps, now go be - fore her. Her no - ble

par - ents, Jo - a - chim and An - na leap for joy and dance,

for they have borne her who is to bear the Cre -

a - - - tor. And she who is all - pure danc-es around the

di - vine hab - i - ta - - - tions and is fed by the hand

of an An - - - gel. She has been revealed as the Moth -

er of Christ, // Who grants the world His great mer - - - cy.