

**The Entrance into the Temple of our Most Holy Lady,
the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary**

Troparion, Tone 4: (page 29)

Today is the prelude of the good pleasure of God,* and the proclamation of salvation for the human race.* In the Temple of God* the Virgin is clearly revealed,* and beforehand announces Christ to all.* To her, then, let us cry aloud with a mighty voice:* Rejoice, fulfillment of the Creator's plan.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,* now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 4:

The Savior's pure temple,* the precious bridal chamber and Virgin,* the sacred treasury of the glory of God,* is brought today into the house of the Lord;* and with her she brings the grace of the divine Spirit.* God's angels sing in praise of her:* She is indeed the heavenly dwelling-place.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: (page 33)

My soul magnifies the Lord,* and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

verse: Because he has regarded the humility of His handmaid;* for behold, all generations shall call me blessed.

Alleluia, Tone 8: (page 33)

verse: Hear, O daughter and see,* and incline your ear.

verse: The rich among the people* shall entreat your countenance.

Hymn to the Mother of God: (page 57)

Seeing the entrance of the pure one,* angels marvel in wonder how the Virgin could enter the holy of holies.

Irmos, Tone 4: Let no hand of the profane touch God's living ark,* but instead let the lips of those who are believers* sing out ceaselessly in the words of the angel,* crying out with great joy to the Mother of God:* O pure Virgin,* you are truly higher than all.

Communion verse: (page 67)

I will take the cup of salvation,* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.* Alleluia. **(3X)**