ANTIPHONS FOR THE ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE

November 21

(Chant antiphons on Sundays from November 21 to 25.)

First Antiphon (Psalms 47 and 86, LXX)

Verses (Intone in Second Tone):

1. Μέγας Κύριος καὶ αἰνετὸς σφόδρα.
2. Δεδοξασμένα ἐλαλήθη περὶ σοῦ ἡ πόλις τοῦ Θεοῦ.
3. Ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς βάρεσιν αὐτῆς γινώσκεται.

Refrain: Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου...

Verses (Intone in Second Tone):

1. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
2. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God!
3. God is in her palaces.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos…

Second Antiphon (Psalms 45, 95, and 117, LXX)

Verses (Intone in Second Tone):

1. Ἡγίασε τὸ σκήνωμα αὐτοῦ ὁ Ὕψιστος.
2. Ἀγιωσύνη καὶ μεγαλοπρέπεια ἐν τῷ ἁγιάσματι αὐτοῦ.
3. Αὕτη ἡ πύλη τοῦ Κυρίου, δίκαιοι εἰσελεύσονται ἐν αὐτῇ.

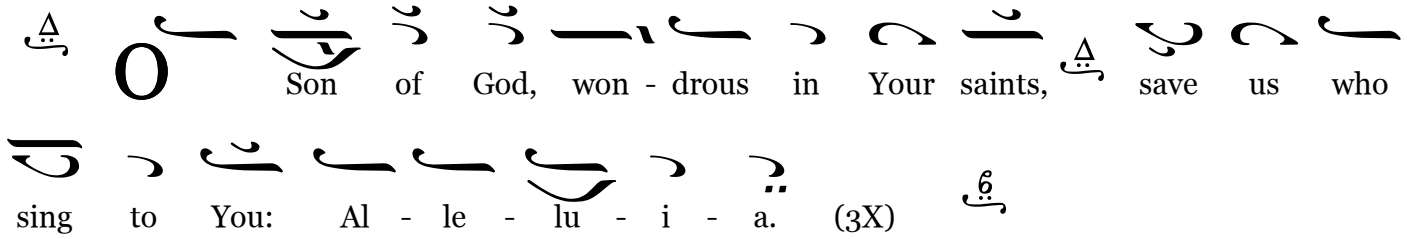
Refrain:

Verses (Intone in Second Tone):

1 The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
2. Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

3. This is the gate of the Lord, through which the righteous shall enter.

Refrain:



If on a Sunday, chant the regular 2nd Antiphon, "Soson imas, Ie Theou, o anastas ek nekron…"

If on a Sunday, chant the regular 2nd Antiphon, "O Son of God, who arose from the dead…"

Third Antiphon (Psalm 44, LXX)

Verse (Intoned in Fourth Tone):

Τὸ πρόσωπόν σου λιτανεύσουσιν οἱ πλούσιοι τοῦ λαοῦ.
The rich among the people will seek your favor.

On Sundays, chant the Resurrectional apolytikion.
On weekdays, chant the Apolytikion of the Entry of the Theotokos in the Temple. Then…

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMN FOR THE ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS

(On Sundays, the same as regular Sundays. On weekdays, the same as Sundays, but ending with "…wondrous in Your saints…" instead of "…risen from the dead…")

Repeat the Apolytikion of the Dormition of the Theotokos and other apolytikia, if any.

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