

**APOLYTIKION OF THE EMPRESS THEOPHANO
PREFERRING HEAVENLY THINGS**

December 16

Fourth Tone

Model Melody: Ο υψωθείς τῷ Σταυρῷ

Ⲑ re - fer - ring heav'n - ly things to those that are earth - ly,
Ⲑ you, while on earth, did live the life of the An - gels,
raised up on god - ly long - ing, O The - o - phan - o.
Where - fore, you have been vouch - safed as Heav - en's gra - ces and
vis - ions, stand - ing with the An - gels' hosts and the Saint's fair
as - sem - blies be - fore the King of all, Whom
you did love; pray to Him to grant us His mer - cy and
bles - sed - ness.