

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

December 16

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Model Melody: Ο υψωθείς τῷ Σταυρῷ

**Moderato**



Pre - fer - ring heav'n - ly things to those that are earth - ly,  
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.