

25th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 8)
Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Ephesians 4: 1 – 6 Luke 10: 38 – 42, 11: 27 - 28

Beatitude Verses

6 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Ode 3 from Menaion for Feast

People: In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!

Reader: O Christ the Savior of the world, remember us as You remembered the robber on the Cross; and count us all worthy of Your heavenly kingdom, O You who alone are compassionate.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

Reader: Listen, O Adam, and rejoice with Eve; for he who of old stripped you both naked, and took all of us captive by deception, has been defeated by the Cross of Christ.

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O our Savior, of Your own will You were nailed to the Tree of the Cross. You freed Adam from the curse which came through the tree of the fruit, and as You are compassionate, You rewarded Your creation made in Your image with a dwelling in paradise.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

Reader: Today Christ is risen from the tomb, granting incorruption to all the faithful; and He renews the joy of the myrrh-bearing women after His suffering and resurrection.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: Rejoice, O wise myrrh-bearing women, who were first to behold the resurrection of Christ, and who proclaimed to the apostles the glad tidings of the restoration of the whole world!

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader: O apostles, you are manifestly the friends of Christ and are to be enthroned with Him in glory: entreat Him with boldness, that He intercede for us, for you are His disciples.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

Reader: The Temple of God, receiving today the portal¹ through whom none may pass, has ceased to perform any service of the Law, crying: Truly truth has appeared to those who are on Earth!

People: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

Reader: The mountain overshadowed—which Habbakuk beheld of old—prefigured her who has made her abode in the inaccessible chambers of the Temple, flourishing with virtues; for she cover the ends of the Earth with it.

People: **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: O Prophet Isaiah, prophesy to us: Who is the Virgin who will conceive in her womb; who springing from the root of Judah, shall give birth to the glorious Fruit of the holy seed of King David?

People: **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: O virgins, commence chanting hymns, holding candles in your hands and praising the arrival of the pure Theotokos who now comes to the Temple of God, celebrating with us!

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 8

People:
You descended from the heights O Compassionate One,
You accepted a three-day burial
to free us from our passions,
Glory to You O Lord, our Life and Resurrection.

¹ The Theotokos

**Troparion of the Entry of the Theotokos
Tone 4**

People:

Today is the prelude of God's good will /
and the proclamation of the salvation of mankind. /
The Virgin is presented openly in the Temple of God, /
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. /
Let us cry aloud to her with a great voice: /
Rejoice, O fulfillment //
of the Creator's dispensation.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion of the Entry of the Theotokos
Tone 4**

People:

The most pure temple of the Savior, /
the most precious bridal-chamber and Virgin, /
the sacred treasury of the glory of God, /
is presented today to the house of the Lord, /
she brings with her the grace of the Divine Spirit. /
And the angels of God praise her: //
she is the truly the dwelling-place for Heaven.

People: Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Kontakion of the Resurrection
Tone 8**

People:

O Greatly-merciful Lord, /
Having risen from the tomb, You raised the dead /
and resurrected Adam. /
Eve also rejoices at Your Resurrection, //
and the ends of the world celebrate Your arising from the dead.

**Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 8**

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 8th Tone: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

People: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

Reader: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

People: Make your vows to the Lord Your God and keep them.

Reader: Make your vows to the Lord Your God.

People: And keep them.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle Ephesians 4: 1 – 6

Reader: Brethren, being a prisoner in the Lord, I beg you to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called. Walk with complete lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love; being eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as you also were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 8

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; let us shout aloud to God our Savior.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving, and let us shout aloud to Him with psalms.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Deacon: Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Luke, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Luke 10: 38 – 42, 11: 27 – 28**

People: Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

The Hymn to the Theotokos

Or the Magnification (Megalyrnarion) of the Feast

Instead of "It is truly right..." we sing the Irmos of the 9th Ode of the First Canon of the Feast:

Tone 4

Refrain

The angels seeing the entry of the most pure Lady /
were struck with wonder, //
seeing how the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies.

Irmos

Let no profane hand touch the living Ark of God, /
but let the lips of the faithful, chant unceasingly /
the words of the angel to the Theotokos, /
crying out with joy: //
O pure Virgin you are truly high above all.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Resurrection:

Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Theotokos:

I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.