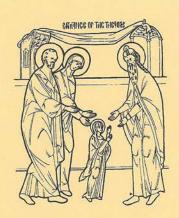
FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

O faithful, let us leap for joy today, singing psalms and hymns of praise in honor of Mary, his mother, the holy Tabernacle and Ark that contained the Word whom nothing can contain.

She is offered to God as a child in a marvelous way, and Zechariah the high priest receives her with great joy, For she is the dwelling place of the most High.





The holy and immaculate One is being led into the Holy of Holies by the Holy Spirit. She is begin nourished by angels, since she is the holy Temple of our holy God. He has sanctified all creation because of her entrance, and he has deified our fallen human nature.

Heaven and earth today rejoice together
At the sight of the mystical heaven;
the immaculate and pure Virgin is coming into the holy temple
to be brought up in honor.
Zechariah, rejoicing in her and leaping for joy,
cried out in awe: O Door of the Lord,
I open the doors of the temple to you,
because I know and believe that the salvation of Israel is already coming,
that the Word of God will be born from you,
and that He will grant great mercy to the world.