The Theotokos of Guadalupe, who first appeared on Dec. 9, 1531 in Mexico to St. Juan Diego, bestowing on him an icon “not made with human hands,” requesting that a church be built in her honor on that mountain. Her shrine there is one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in the Americas. Pope John Paul II named her the Patroness of the Americas.

Troparion - Tone 4

When you appeared in the New World, O Theotokos, you fixed your image on Juan Diego's rose-laden tilma. All the poor, hungry, and oppressed seek you, Lady of Guadalupe. We gaze upon your miraculous icon and find hope, crying out to your Son concealed in your womb:

Hear our plea for justice, O most merciful Lord.

Kontakion - Tone 7

No longer shall the New World lie wounded in useless blood sacrifice, for she who is clothed with the sun has revealed the Son to us. O Mother of the Americas,
imprint his name upon our hearts, just as you wove your image into the cactus cloth.

Teach your children to cry out: O Christ God, our hope, glory to you!

**Prokeimenon - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant; from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

**Alleluia - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):**

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

Verse: The rich among the people will seek your favor.

**Communion Hymn (Psalm 115:4):**

I shall take the chalice, the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name, the name of the Lord.

**Refrain**

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!