

November 21st

Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried" - 1st Set

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: *O strange wonder*

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2) In the tem - ple of the Law to - day is the liv - ing tem - ple

G

of the ho - ly maj - es - ty and glo - ry of Christ our God brought

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forth to dwell with - in the Ho - lies in sanc - ti - ty,

G

the on - ly blest a - mong wom - en, the Maid most pure. In spir - it

D

both Jo - a - chim and An - na al - so re - joice___ with her

G

on this day; and the choirs of ho - ly vir - - gins chant with psalms un -

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- to the Lord, while they hon - or His Moth - - er with all

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rev - - er - - ance and pi - - e ty.

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3) Thou, O Vir - gin Moth - er of our God, art the proph - ets' preach - ing,

and the boast of mar - tyred saints, the glo - ry of the a - pos - tles

and re - new - al of all them that are born of earth;

for we through thee have been re - conciled un - to God. And there - fore,

we all re - vere thy pro - gress in - to the tem - ple of

God to - day; and with psalms we join the An - gel, cry - ing out: Re -

-joice, to thee, the all - ven' - ra - ble Vir - gin, by whose

in - ter - ces - sion we are saved.

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Great-martyr Katherine the all-wise of Alexandria
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: *Thou art the joy*

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1) To - day, O Kath - 'rine, the cit - y of Al - ex - -

- an - dri - a is filled with joy and danc - eth, since it

glad - ly pos - sess - eth thy swad - dling bands, O Mar - tyr, in

thy di - vine church; where - fore, we al - so cel - e - brate

thy bright and ven - 'ra - ble mem - o - ry pi - -ous - ly.

In - ter - cede for them that hon - - or thee.

2) Let us now hon - or the feast - day of Kath - 'rine's

mem - o - ry; for she cast down with firm - ness all the

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en - e - my's pow - ers, and the rhet - o - ri - cians' re -
 sis - tance, she quelled, by her words and her might - y deeds.
 O God, de - liv - er us all through her ho - ly prayers
 from all her - e - sies and false be - liefs.

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3) Re - joice, O Kath - 'rine, thou Mar - - tyr au - gust and
 glo - ri - ous; for on Mount Si - nai, where - on Mos - es
 saw the bush un - burnt, there thy tab - er - na - cle most
 pleas - ing to God hath been trans - - lat - ed now by Christ,
 and He pre - serv - eth and guard - eth it till the time
 of His sec - ond com - ing at the end.

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Great-martyr Katherine the all-wise of Alexandria
Apolytikion

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
 Special melody: *Let us worship the word*

Adapted by Dr. John El Massih
 from the Greek Anastasimatarion

Let us praise the all - laud - ed and no - ble bride of Christ, the god - ly

Kath - rine, the guard - ian of Si - nai and its de - fence, who is

al - so our sup - port and suc - cor and our help; for with the

Ho - ly Spir - it's sword she hath si - lenced bril - liant - ly the

clev - er a - mong the god - less; and be - ing crowned as a

Mar - tyr, she now doth ask great mer - cy for us all.

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Exapostilarion & Theotokion

Byzantine Tone 3

Special Melody: *While standing in the Temple's courts*

1) O vir - gin tru - ly hon - 'ra - ble, boast of prize - win - ning
2) The tem - ple's in - most parts to - day, at the hands of the

2 Mar - tyrs, O Kath - 'rine, thou didst give great strength to thy wom -
High Priest, ad - mit thee in, O Full of Grace, The - o - to -

3 - an - ly spir - it; and with God's help thou didst con -
- kos and Vir - gin; there - in thou mad - est thine a -

4 -vict as vain myths and i - dle talk all the phi - los - o - phers'
-bode from the age of three to twelve. At a di - vine An - gel's

5 fol - ly; for thou hadst as thy help - er
pure hand, thou wast fed there and nour - ished,

6 God's im - mac - u - late Moth - er,
as the ho - ly e - lect ark

7 who gave thee might - y as -
of the Cre - a - tor of

8 1. - sis - tance. 2. C all things. Un. F

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Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

Verse: Wondrous is God in His saints.

1) O all - laud - ed Kath - 'rine, as we keep the sa - cred me - - mo - ri - al of thy ven - - 'ra - ble mar - tyr - dom, we hon - or and glo - ri - fy with un - ceas - ing voic - - es Him that gave thee pa - tience and per - se - ver - ing for - ti - tude, and showed thee forth as a vic - tor o - ver all, and gave thee speech that made the rhet - or - i - cians trem - - ble in great dis - may, e - ven Je - sus the Friend of man, and the Sav - - ior and Sov - 'reign Lord.

November 25th - Great-martyr Katherine - Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers - 2

Verse: In the saints that are in His earth hath the Lord been wondrous.

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Un.

E

2) Thou didst prove a vol - un - tar - y Mar - tyr, Kath - 'rine most

glo - ri - ous, when thou forc - i - bly didst re - buke the

G E

ty - rant, and didst con - vict the most griev - ous mad - ness

of pol - y - the - is - m, and by the light of grace di - vine

and god - ly knowl - edge didst cast him to the ground. For

which cause, Christ, the Sav - ior of our souls, a - ward - ed the

G E

crown to thee as His wit - ness in mar - tyr - dom

and a vir - gin with - out re - proach.

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Verse: With patience I waited patiently for the Lord, and He was attentive unto me.

3) Hav - ing pu - ri - fied thy - self by thy most dil - i - gent

way of life, thou didst o - pen thy bless - ed mouth and

thou drew - est in the grace of the Ho - ly Spir - - it,

O glo - ri - ous Kath - 'rine, and with a great and stead - fast mind

thou didst pull down all the ty - rants' wan - ton pride, O

or - na - ment of ath - letes; thou more - o - ver pru - - dent - ly

didst op - pose, to cor - po - re - al come - li - ness,

the great love - li - ness of the soul.