



THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER:  
POSTFEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS;  
GREAT MARTYR CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

*At "O Lord, I have cried...", 3 stichera for the Feast in tone I:*

**C**ome, all who love the feasts of the Church! \* Let us honor the only pure Theotokos and Virgin with hymns! \* for she is led into the Temple of God \* now to live there in splendor. \* She is indeed the most holy temple of Christ \* and the mediator of all our joy.

**O** Prophet, throw open the doors! \* Receive with faith the boast and radiant joy of Angels and men! \* She is to be brought into the Temple of the Lord, \* that there she may live and dance, \* for she is the temple \* and the abode of God.

**T**he Theotokos Mary is brought into the Temple, \* receiving bread from the Angel who appeared and cried to her: \* "Rejoice, for you shall conceive a Son without knowing a man! \* O blessed Virgin Theotokos, Bride of God, \* you are the good inheritance \* and restoration of mortal men.

*Then 3 stichera for the Great Martyr Catherine in tone I:*

**T**oday the city of Alexandria adorns itself with wisdom, O Martyr, \* having your childhood garments within your holy temple. \* Therefore, O Catherine, \* we also celebrate in reverence your honoured memory. \* Pray for those who honour you!

**T**oday let us celebrate the memory of Catherine, \* for by great word and deed she truly trampled all the powers of the foe \* and the opposition of the orators. \* By her prayers, O God, \* deliver us from the godless enemy!

**R**ejoice, most glorious and honoured Martyr Catherine, \* for the mountain of Sinai where Moses beheld the bush that burned yet was not consumed \* now keeps your God-pleasing body, \* translated there by the gracious mercy of Christ \* awaiting the time of His second coming!

*Glory... for Great Martyr Catherine in tone II:*

**O** lovers of the **martyrs**, \* let us hasten joyfully to the feast of the divinely-wise Martyr **Catherine!** \* Let us **crown** her with praises as with flowers, crying **out to her:** \* “Rejoice, for you denounced the insolence of foolish **orators** \* filled with ignorant thoughts and led them to the divine **Faith!** \* Rejoice, for you gave your body over to torments for love of your **Creator** \* and were not **destroyed,** \* for you were an invincible **woman!** \* Rejoice, for you have inherited the mansions on high as the reward for your **struggles!**” \* Now you delight in eternal **glory.** \* Desiring this glory, may we who hymn you not lose our **hope in it!**

*At the Aposticha, Glory... for Great Martyr Catherine in tone II*

**Y**ou acquired an **immaterial life;** \* coming before the godless **tribunal,** \* you stood **arrayed** in divine might, O victorious and honoured **Catherine,**\* wearing the radiance of God as an adornment of **flowers!**\* You mocked the tyrants command, O greatly **suffering one,** \* ending the insolent speech of the **orators.**

*Both now... for the Feast in tone VIII:*

**D**avid foretold you, O all-**pure one,** \* as he foresaw the sanctification of your entry into the **Temple.** \* Thus, all the ends of the earth **feast today\*** and glorify you, O all-**praised one.** \* For, O Mother of the **Word of Life,** \* a virgin before giving birth and remaining incorrupt after **giving birth,\*** Zachariah is joyful and accepts you in the Temple, O **Lady.** \* The Holy of Holies rejoices and receives you, the **wellspring of our life.** \* Therefore, we also cry out in **songs to you:** \* “Beseech your Son and our God in **our behalf,** \* that He grant us great **mercy!**”

*At the dismissal troparia, Glory... for the Great Martyr in tone V:*

**L**et us praise the most auspicious **bride** of **Christ,** \* the divine Catherine, protectress of Sinai, our **aid** and our **help.** \* For, she brilliantly silenced the eloquence of the impious by the sword of the **spirit,** \* and now, crowned as a martyr, she **asks** great **mercy** for **all.**

*Both now.. of the Feast in tone IV:*



**T**oday is the prelude of the good **pleasure** of **God,\*** and the proclamation of salvation for the **human race.\*** In the **Temple of God** \* the Virgin is **clearly revealed,\*** and beforehand announces **Christ to all.\***

To her, then, let us cry aloud with a **mighty voice:** \*

Rejoice, fulfilment of the

**Creator's plan.**