Katavasia of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Chanted instead of "It is Truly Right"
on November 21st

Fourth Mode
adapted from Hourmouzios Hartophylax (1780-1840)

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seeing how the Virgin entered the Holy of Holies the Angels were struck with amazement beholding the entry of the all-pure one

let no uninitiated hand approach the living Ark of God and touch
Just as the angels stand with great fear
and chant their hymns to the Creator,
likewise should we stand in psalmody.

—St. Ephraim the Syrian