February 4th
After-Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 2
Special melody: O house of Ephratha
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Come, Elder Simeon, receive the Lord of Glory;
for as the Holy Spirit instructed thee, behold thou, He verily is nigh at hand.

Verse: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

2) Carrying in her arms the Master and Creator
become a newborn infant, the pure and spotless

Vir gin doth enter in the Temple's courts.
Verse: A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

3) Great and exceeding strange and dreadful is this mystery!

For, He that doth sustain all and fashioneth the infants now as an infant is embraced.