February 7th
After-Feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord in the Temple
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 2
Special melody: O house of Ephratha

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

1) O - pen, ye Heav - en's gates; for by a Vir - gin Moth - er
2) Christ, the live Coal fore - seen by the di - vine I - sa - iah,
3) Hold - ing the Sov'-reign Lord in arms with joy_ and trem - bling,
GB) Car - ry - ing in_ her arms the Mas - ter and_ Cre - a - tor

is Christ brought forth_ and of - fered to God the Fa - ther
is giv - en to___ thé El - der up - on the The - o -
great Sim - e - on___ thé El - der be - sought re - lease from
be - come a new___ born in - fant, the pure and spot - less

now___ in the Tem - ple as a___ new - born babe.
- to - kos - 's spot - less hands as___ though with tongs.
life___ as he hymned the Moth - er___ of our God.
Vir - gin doth en - ter in the___ Tem - ple's courts.

Verses:
1) 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) A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

3) Glory to the Father . . . Both now and ever . . . "

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