February 4th

After-Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

Stichera at the Aposticha at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 2
Special melody: O house of Ephratha

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Christ, Ad-am's Ran-som-er, is now born of the Vir-gin

with-out stain, He Who came forth with-out change from the Fa-ther, the Son be-fore the morn-ing star.

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) Open, ye Heav-en's gates; for by a Vir-gin Moth-er

is Christ brought forth and of-fered to God the Fa-ther

now in the Tem-ple as a new-born babe.

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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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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

Virgin doth enter in the Temple's courts.

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