Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

He that rideth on the cherubim, who is praised by the seraphim, today is offered according to the law in the divine Temple, lying in the arms of an old man, and receives from Joseph offerings becoming God, two pairs of turtle doves, the undefiled Church and the people chosen anew from the
Gen tiles, and two pairs of pigeons, since he is the Head of the Old and New Covenants. But Simeon, having received the meaning of revelation which was made unto him, bless'd the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos, foretelling and pointing to the sufferings of him who was born of her, seeking deliverance from him and crying, Now lettest thou me depart, O Master, as thou didst go before and didst promise.
me; for I have beheld thee, O Light before eternity, the Lord and Saviour of the Christian people.