

February 2nd

The Presentation (Meeting) of Our Lord in the Temple

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

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1) Wish - ing to ful - fill the writ - ten Law, the Sav - ior and
Friend of man is brought in - to the Tem - ple's courts; and
in - to his ag - ed arms Sim - e - on thē Eld - er
tak - eth Him and cri - eth: Now dost thou grant me to de - part
un - to the bless - ed - ness that is found be - yond; for
on this day have I be - held Thee wrapped a - bout with our
mor - tal flesh, Who dost rule as the Lord of life
and has sov - 'reign - ty o - ver death.

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2) As a light of rev - e - la - tion for the na - tions hast
Thou ap - peared, O Di - vine Sun of Right - eous - ness; for
Thou hast shined forth, O Lord, seat - ed on a swift cloud,
per - fect - ly ful - fill - ing the shad - ow of thē an - cient Law,
bring - ing to light the be - gin - ning of new Grace; and
when he had be - held Thee, Sim - e - on thē Eld - er cried
out to Thee: From cor - rup - tion let me de - part,
for to - day I have seen Thee, Lord.

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3) Leav-ing not the Fa-ther's bos-om in Thy sov-'reign Di-

-vin-i-ty, Thou wast made flesh in Thy good will; and

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Thou wast held in thē arms of thē Ev-er-vir-gin

and placed in the hands of the God-re-ceiv-er, Sim-e-on,

Thou Who dost hold all cre-a-tion in Thy hand. In

joy, there-fore, he cried: Now let-test Thou Thy ser-vant de-

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-part in peace. For, O Mas-ter, in ver-y truth,

I have seen Thee, the Lord of all.