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) Wishing to fulfill the written Law, the Savior and

Friend of man is brought into the Temple's courts; and

in to his aged arms Sim e - on the 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 hast sov 'reign ty o ver death.
2) As a light of revelation for the nations hast

Thou appeared, O Divine Sun of Righteousness; for

Thou hast shined forth, O Lord, seated on a swift cloud,

perfectly fulfilling the shadow of the ancient Law,

bringing to light the beginning of new Grace; and

when he had beheld Thee, Simeon the Elder cried

out to Thee: From corruption let me depart,

for today I have seen Thee, Lord.
3) Leaving not the Father's bosom in Thy sovereign Divinity, Thou wast made flesh in Thy good will; and

Thou wast held in the arms of the Ever virgin

and placed in the hands of the God-receiver, Simeon,

Thou Who dost hold all creation in Thy hand. In

joy, therefore, he cried: Now let test Thou Thy servant depart in peace. For, O Master, in very truth,

I have seen Thee, the Lord of all.