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 Simeon the Elder
taketh Him and crieth: Now dost thou grant me to depart
unto the blessedness that is found beyond; for
on this day have I beheld Thee wrapped about with our
mortal flesh, Who dost rule as the Lord of life
and has sovereignty over 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 test Thou Thy servant depart in peace. For, O Master, in very truth,

I have seen Thee, the Lord of all.