

February 1st

Forefeast of the Presentation (Meeting) of Christ

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4

Special Melody: *As one valiant*

Adapted by Fr. John El Massih

E Un.



1) The au - gust Church doth now pre - pare to re - ceive in her -

E



- self the Lord, Who is come to dwell with her



as a lit - tle babe and with His grac - es no -



- et - i - c'lly doth bright - en and fill with joy



her most faith - ful and de - vout con - gre - ga - tion be -



-lov'd of God, which doth cry to Him: Thou, O Word, art the

G



good re - port and glo - ry and a - dorn - ment of the

E



whole Church, now made a babe in the flesh for me.

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E **Un.**



2) Now the Lord hath been brought with-in the di-vine Tem-ple's

E



in-ner courts by the spa-cious tem-ple most



sanc-ti-fied and pure, the tab-er-na-cle most



pre-cious, the bride cham-ber of man-y lights;



and she there be-troth-eth Him to His own pure and



ho-ly Church, as she pray-eth Him to de-liv-er from

G



dan-gers and cor-ruption them that right-ly glo-ri-

E



-fy her as The-o-to-kos un-ceas-ing-ly.

E **Un.**



3) Come, O most sa - cred Sim - e - on, see the hope that thou

E



hast ac - quired; come un - to the Tem - ple and



look up - on the Christ; come thou, re - ceive Him in -



- to thine arms and lift up thy voice and cry:



Let Thy ser - vant now de - part from thē earth, O my



Sav - ior Christ. And call to thy - self the chaste Proph - et - ess

G



An - na, that with thee she glo - ri - fy the Ben - e -

E



- fac - tor, awe - some - ly made a babe in the flesh.