February 3rd

Synaxis of the Holy & Righteous Simeon the God-receiver
and Anna the Prophetess
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: Unto them that fear thee
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Being perfect, just and worthy of all praise, O inspired of God, thou, O Simeon, didst receive into thine own hands our God, Who alone is perfect, Who took on a body that He might justify the world; and when departing thy body, thou with joy didst cry out unto Him: Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace; for today, O Thou Friend of man, I have seen Thee in very truth.

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2) Truly young in spirit, but in body, greatly advanced in years, thou, O Simeon, wast informed that thou shouldest not see death till thou see the Maker as a newborn infant: the God of all, Who did exist before all time, but now made poor in the flesh. And having seen Him, thou didst leap for joy and ask loosing from the flesh, whereon thou didst pass over to the divine dwellings joyfully.
3) Anna, the inspired of God, and the supremely blest

Simeon, shining brightly in prophecy, and

with respect to the Law being pure and blameless,

now looked on the Lawgiver made a babe like unto us;

and they bowed down, and they worshiped Him as God. Today with joy and gladness, let us celebrate their memorial, while we glorify, as is due,

the Lord Jesus, the Friend of man.

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