February 3rd & 6th

After-Feast of the Presentation (Meeting) of our Lord in the Temple

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: Thou art the joy

1) Now the Creator of all things and our Deliverer hath been brought to the Temple by His pure Virgin Mother. And there, the righteous Elder, receiving Him, cried with a voice of exceeding joy:

Lo, now Thou lettest Thy servant depart in peace as it pleaseth Thee, O Gracious Lord.

2) When from the Virgin, blest Simeon took into his arms the Savior Who had been born before all of the ages, he cried: The ends of earth have been

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held the great light of Thy glory, which lighteth all;

and now Thou livestest Thy servant depart in peace,

for, O Good One, I have looked on Thee.

3) In his arms holding the Savior, Who in these latter times was born to save us mortals, Simeon cried with gladness: The light unto the nations have I now beheld and the glory of Israel.

By Thy command now as God, Thou dost give me leave to depart from hence, as Thou hast said.

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