February 5th

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

Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Mode 4
Special Melody: Unto them that fear thee

1) Wish-ing to ful-fill the__ wri-tten Law, the Sav-i-ior and
2) As a light of re-v-e-la-tion for the na-tions hast
3) Leav-ing not the Fa-ther's bos-om in Thy sov-reign Di-

Friend of man is brought in-to the Tem-ple's courts; and
Thou ap-pear-ed, O Di-vine Sun of Right-eous-ness; for
vin-i-ty, Thou wast made flesh in Thy good will; and

in-to his ag-ed arms Sim-e-on the Eld-er
Thou hast shined forth, O Lord, seat-ed on a swift__ cloud,
Thou wast held in the arms of the Ev-er-vir-gin

tak-eth Him and cri-eth: Now dost thou grant me to de-part
per-fect-ly ful-fill-ing the shad-ow of the an-cient Law,
and placed in the hands of the God-re-ceiv-er, Sim-e-on,

un-to the bless-ed-ness that is found be-yond; for
bring-ing to light the be-gin-ning of new Grace; and
Thou Who dost hold all cre-a-tion in Thy hand. In

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on this day have I beheld Thee wrapped about with our
when he had beheld Thee, Sim-e-on thē Eld-er cried
joy, therefore, he cried: Now lettest Thou Thy servant de-

mor-tal flesh, Who dost rule as the Lord of life
out to Thee: From corrup-tion let me de-part,
-part in peace. For, O Mas-ter, in ver-y truth,

and has sov-reign-ty o-ver death.
for to-day I have seen Thee, Lord.
I have seen Thee, the Lord of all.