

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*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

1) Wish-ing to ful - fill the writ - ten Law, the Sav - ior and

Friend of man is brought in - to the Tem - ple's courts; and

in - to his ag - ed arms Sim - e - on thē Eld - er

tak - eth Him and cri - eth: Now dost thou grant me to de - part

un - to the bless - ed - ness that is found be - yond; for

on this day have I be - held Thee wrapped a - bout with our

mor - tal flesh, Who dost rule as the Lord of life

and has sov - 'reign - ty o - ver death.

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2) As a light of rev - e - la - tion for the na - tions hast

Thou ap - peared, O Di - vine Sun of Right - eous - ness; for

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Thou hast shined forth, O Lord, seat - ed on a swift cloud,

per - fect - ly ful - fill - ing the shad - ow of thē an - cient Law,

bring - ing to light the be - gin - ning of new Grace; and

when he had be - held Thee, Sim - e - on thē Eld - er cried

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out to Thee: From cor - rup - tion let me de - part,

for, O Lord, I have seen Thee now.

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3) Leav-ing not the Fa - ther's bos - om in Thy sov - 'reign Di -

- vin - i - ty, Thou wast made flesh in Thy good will; and

Thou wast held in thē arms of thē Ev - er - vir - gin

and placed in the hands of the God - re - ceiv - er, Sim - e - on,

Thou Who dost hold all cre - a - tion in Thy hand. In

joy, there - fore, he cried: Now let - test Thou Thy ser - vant de -

- part in peace. For, O Good One and Friend of man,

I have seen _____ Thee in truth to - day.