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

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1) Wishing to fulfill the written Law, the Savior and Friend of man is brought into the Temple's courts; and

into his aged arms Simeon the Elder

taketh Him and crieth: Now dost thou grant me to depart

unto the blessedness that is found beyond; for

on this day have I beheld Thee wrapped about with our

mortal flesh, Who dost rule as the Lord of life

and has sovereignty over death.

2) As a light of revelation for the nations hast

Thou appeared, O Divine Sun of Righteousness; for

Thou hast shined forth, O Lord, seated on a swift cloud,

perfectly fulfilling the shadow of the ancient Law,

bringing to light the beginning of new Grace; and

when he had beheld Thee, Simeon the Elder cried

out to Thee: From corruption let me depart,

for today I have seen Thee, Lord.
3) Leaving not the Father's bosom in Thy sovereign Divinity, Thou wast made flesh in Thy good will; and

Thou wast held in the arms of the Ever-virgin and placed in the hands of the God-receiver, Simeon,

Thou Who dost hold all creation in Thy hand. In joy, therefore, he cried: Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace. For, O Master, in very truth,

I have seen Thee, the Lord of all.