

Stichera at the Litya

Meeting of the Lord, February 2

Tone 1
Sticheron 1 - by Anatolius

Common Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

The An - cient of Days, Who gave Moses the Law on Si -
nai in for - mer times, to - day ap - pears as a Child. As Mak - er
of the Law, He ful - fills the Law. He is brought into the Tem -
ple ac - cord - ing to the Law, and giv - en o - ver to the El - der.
Simeon the righteous re - ceives — Him. Be - hold - ing the fulfillment
[of the divine...]

of the divine order now brought to pass, re-joic-ing a-loud,

he cries: "Mine eyes have seen the mystery hidden from the ag -

es made manifest in these lat - ter days, the Light that

disperses the foolishness of the faith-less Gen-tiles, and the glory of

the new-ly-cho - sen Is - ra - el! There-fore let Thy servant

[depart from the bonds...]

de-part from the bonds of this flesh to the life filled with wonder

that knows no age or end, // for Thou dost grant the world great

mer - cy!"

Tone 1
Sticheron 2 - by John the Monk

To-day He Who once gave the Law to Moses on Si - nai

submits Himself to the com-mand-ments of the Law, be-com - ing

[for our sakes...]

for our sakes like us in His com-pas - sion. Now the God of purity

as a holy Child has o - pened a pure — womb, and as God

He is brought as an of - fer - ing to Him - self, setting us free from the

curse of the Law, // and grant - ing light to our souls.

Tone 2
Sticheron 3- by Andrew Pyros

Simeon now receives below in his earth - ly arms Him Whom

[the ministers on...]

the ministers on high entreat with trem - bling. He pro-claims the

un-ion of God with man-kind. He sees the heavenly God as mor -

tal Man. He prepares to withdraw from earth - ly things, and rais -

es his cry in joy: "Glory to Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast revealed

to those in dark-ness // the Light that knows no eve - ning!"

Tone 2
Sticheron 4 - by Germanus

Today Simeon takes in his arms the Lord of Glo - ry,

Whom Moses saw of old in the dark-ness when he re-ceived the

Tablets of the Law on Mount Si - nai. This is He Who speaks

through the Proph - ets and Who is the Cre - a - tor of the Law.

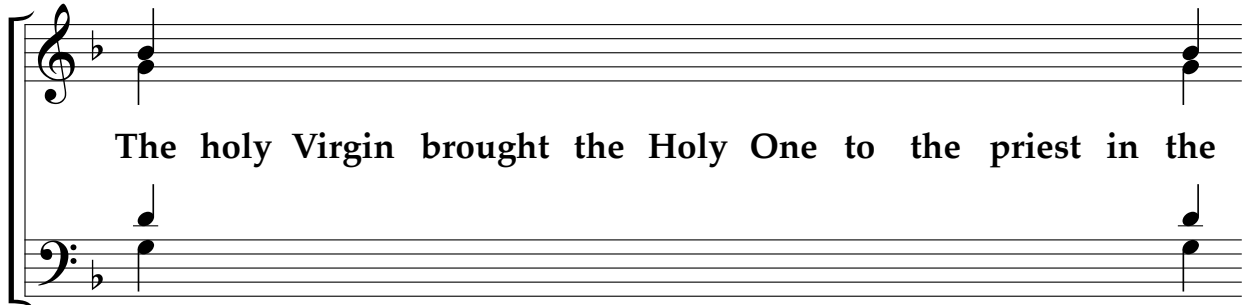
This is He Whom Da - vid an-nounced; // He is fearful to all, yet

[great and abundant...]

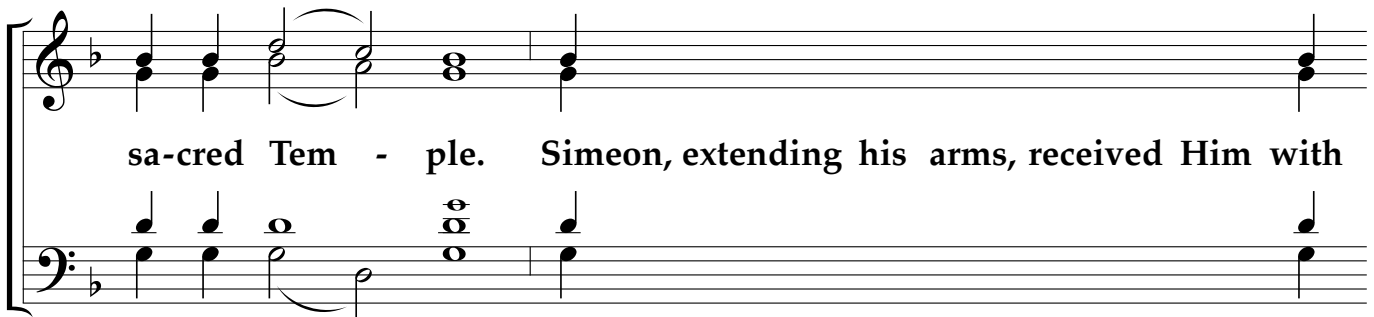


great and abundant in mer - cy.

Tone 2
Sticheron 5 - by Germanus or John the Monk



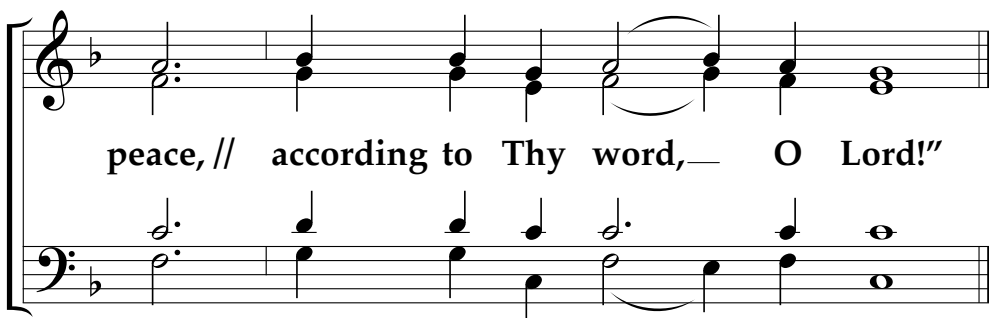
The holy Virgin brought the Holy One to the priest in the



sa-cred Tem - ple. Simeon, extending his arms, received Him with



joy, and cried out: "Now, Mas - ter, let Thy ser-vant de-part in



peace, // according to Thy word, - O Lord!"

Tone 2

Sticheron 6 - by Germanus or John the Monk

Today holy Simeon the El - der lifted up in

his arms the Creator of heav - en and earth, as he said

in the Ho - ly Spir - it: // "Now I am set free,

for I have seen my Sav - ior."

Tone 2

Sticheron 7 - by Anatolius or Andrew of Jerusalem

Today Simeon the Elder enters the Temple, rejoicing in the

[...Spirit, to take into his arms...]

Spir - it, to take into his arms Him Who gave the Law to Mo-ses

and Who Him-self ful-filled the Law. Moses was deemed worthy to

see God through darkness and as an in-dis-tinct voice. With veiled

face he reprov-ed the faithless hearts of the He-brews; while Sim-

eon lifted up the pre-eternal Word of the Father in bod-i-ly form,

[and revealed the Light...]

and revealed the Light of the Gentiles: the Cross and the Res-ur-rec-tion.

And Anna the Prophetess pointed out the Sav - ior, Pro-claim-ing

Him the Deliverer of Is - ra - el. Let us cry out to Him: //

"O Christ our God, through the Theotokos, have mer - cy on us!"

Tone 4
Sticheron 8 - by Andrew of Crete

Today the holy Mother who is even more exalted than the

[...Temple, has come to the Temple,]

Tem - ple, has come into the Tem - ple, clear - ly show - ing

to the world the Creator of the world and the Giv - er of the Law.

Simeon the Elder receives Him in his arms and honors Him,

cry - ing out: "Now let Thy ser - vant de - part — in — peace, //

for I have seen Thee, the Sav - ior of our souls!"

"Glory..." in the Fifth Tone: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 5

Doxastichon - by Andrew of Crete

Search the Scrip - tures, just as Christ our God said in the

Gos - pels! For in them we find Him being brought forth and

wrapped in swad - dling clothes, laid in a man - ger, and

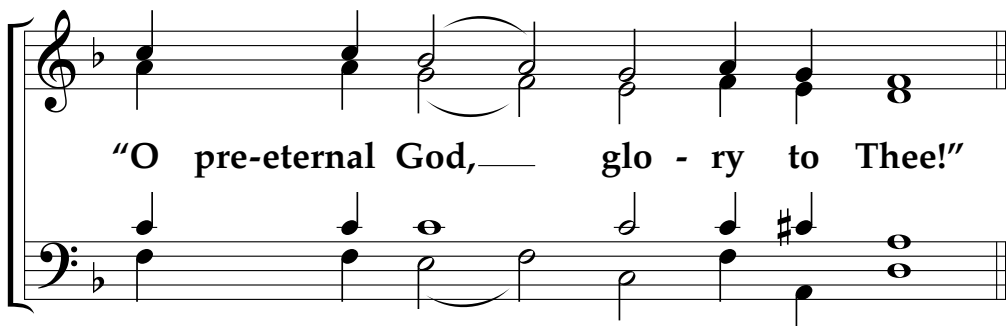
nour - ished with milk, re - ceiv - ing circumcision and held by

Sim - e - on, neither in fancy nor in fan - ta - sy but in

[truth appearing to the world.]



truth ap-pear - ing to the world. Let us cry a - loud to Him: //

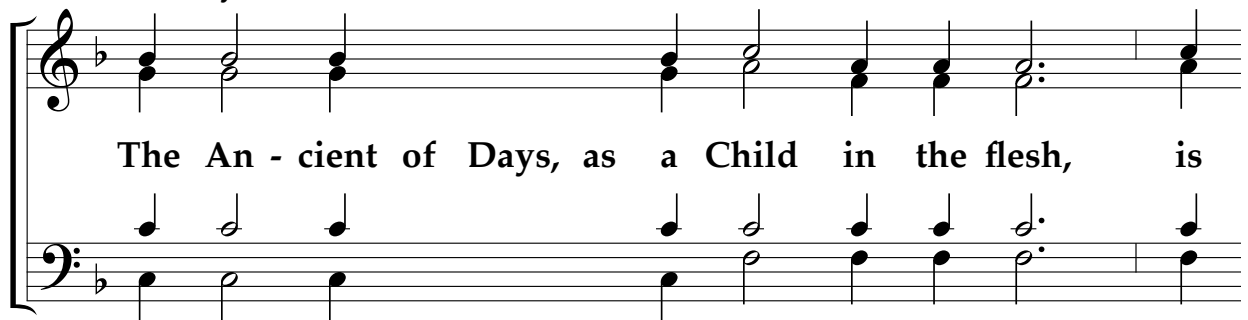


"O pre-eternal God, — glo - ry to Thee!"

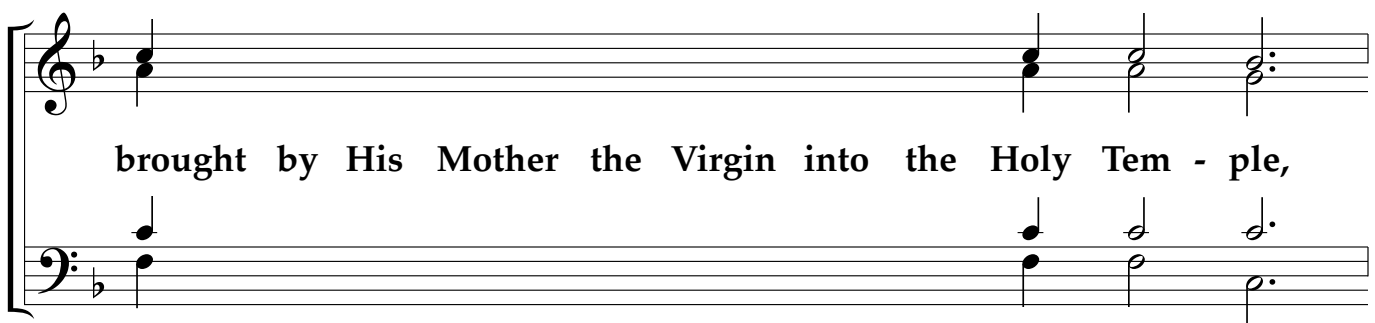
"Now and ever..." in the same Tone: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 5

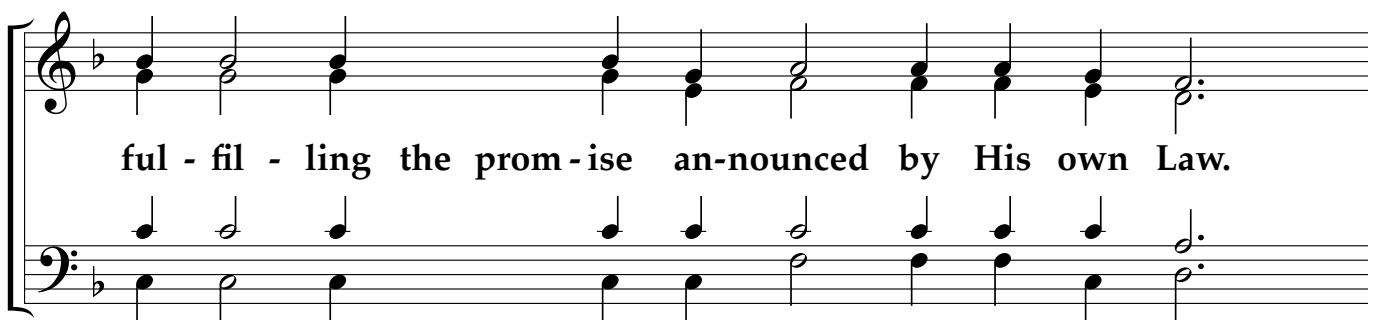
Theotokion - by Germanos or Anatolius



The An - cient of Days, as a Child in the flesh, is



brought by His Mother the Virgin into the Holy Tem - ple,



ful - fil - ling the prom - ise an - nounced by His own Law.

[Receiving Him, Simeon said:...]

Re-ceiv - ing Him, Sim - e - on said: "Now let Thy servant depart in

peace, ac - cord - ing to Thy word, // for mine eyes have seen

Thy sal - va - tion, O Lord!"