

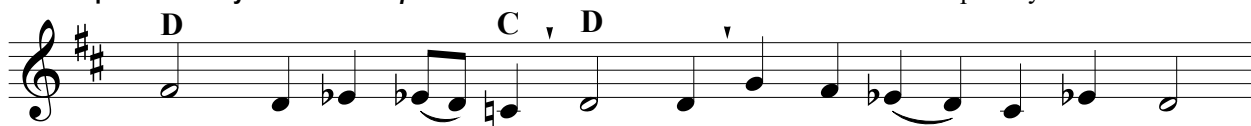
February 7th

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

## Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 2  
Special melody: *O house of Ephratha*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih



1) O - pen, ye Heav - en's gates; for by a Vir - gin Moth - er  
2) *Christ, the live Coal fore - seen by the di - vine I - sa - iah,*  
3) Hold - ing the Sov - 'reign Lord in arms with joy\_\_ and trem - bling,  
GB) *Car - ry - ing in\_\_ her arms the Mas - ter and\_\_ Cre - a - tor*



is Christ brought forth\_\_ and of - fered to God the Fa - ther  
*is giv - en to\_\_ thē El - der up - on the The - o -*  
great Sim - e - on\_\_ thē El - der be - sought re - lease from  
*be - come a new\_\_ born in - fant, the pure and spot - less*



now\_\_ in the Tem - ple as a\_\_ new - born babe.  
*- to - kos - 's spot - less hands as\_\_ though with tongs.*  
life\_\_ as he hymned the Moth - er\_\_ of our God.  
*Vir - gin doth en - ter in the\_\_ Tem - ple's courts.*

Verses:

1) Lord, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

2) A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

3) Glory to the Father . . . Both now and ever . . . ."