

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*

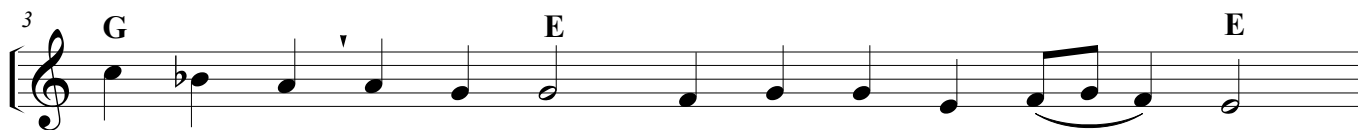
Adapted by Rassem El Massih



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



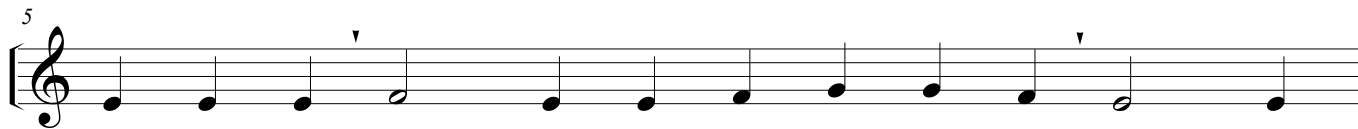
Friend of man is brought in - to the Tem - ple's courts; and
Thou ap - peared, O Di - vine Sun of Right - eous - ness; for
- vin - i - ty, Thou wast made flesh in Thy good will; and



in - to his ag - ed arms Sim - e - on thē Eld - er
Thou hast shined forth, O Lord, seat - ed on a swift cloud,
Thou wast held in thē arms of thē 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 thē 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 be - held Thee wrapped a - bout with our
when he had be - held Thee, Sim - e - on thē Eld - er cried
 joy, there - fore, he cried: Now let - test Thou Thy ser - vant de -

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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,

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