

Stichera at the Litya

The Meeting of Our Lord - February 2

Tone 1

Sticheron 1 - by Anatolios

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arr. from **B. Ledkovsky**

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

The An - cient of Days, Who gave Moses the Law on Sinai in

Detailed description: This system shows the first two staves of the musical score. The Soprano and Alto parts are written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The Tenor and Bass parts are written on a single staff with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "The An - cient of Days, Who gave Moses the Law on Sinai in".

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right-eous re-ceives Him. Be-hold-ing the fulfillment of the divine

or-der 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 faithless Gen-tiles, and the glory of the newly-cho-sen Is-ra-el!

There - fore let Thy servant depart 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!"

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, 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-fering 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

Soprano
 Alto
 Tenor
 Bass

Sim - eon now receives below in his earth - ly arms the

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

claims the un-ion of God with man-kind. He sees the heav-en-ly God

as mor - tal Man. He prepares to withdraw from earth - ly things,

and rais - es his cry in joy: "Glo-ry to Thee, Lord, for Thou hast revealed

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

Tone 2
Sticheron 4 – by Germanus

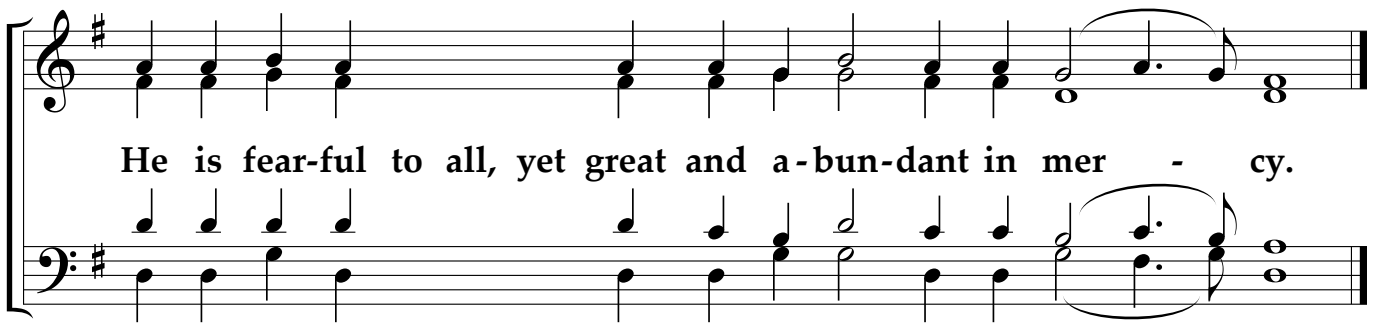
To-day — Simeon takes in his arms the Lord of Glo - ry,

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

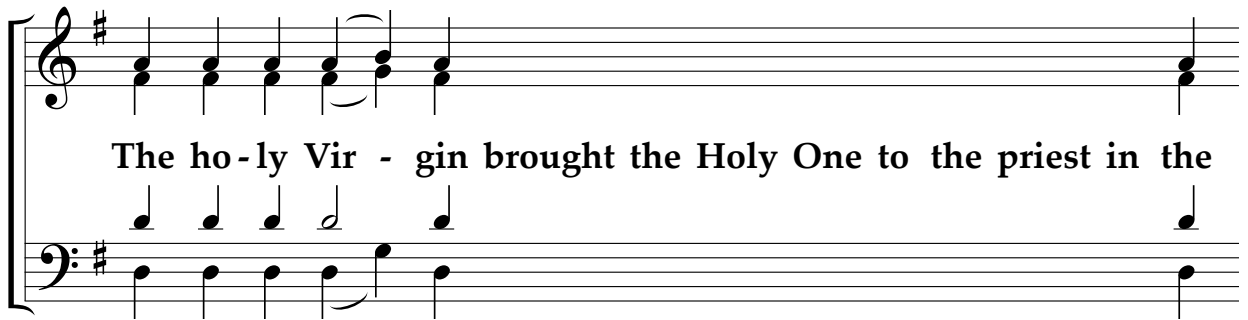
speaks through the Proph - ets and Who is the Cre - a - tor

of the Law. This is He — Whom Da - vid an-nounced; //

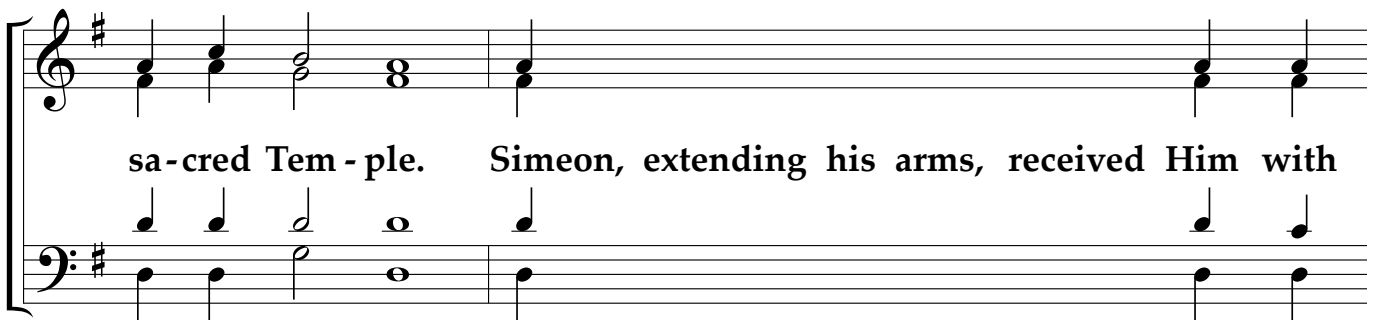


He is fear-ful to all, yet great and a-bun-dant in mer - cy.

Tone 2
Sticheron 5 – by Germanus or John the Monk



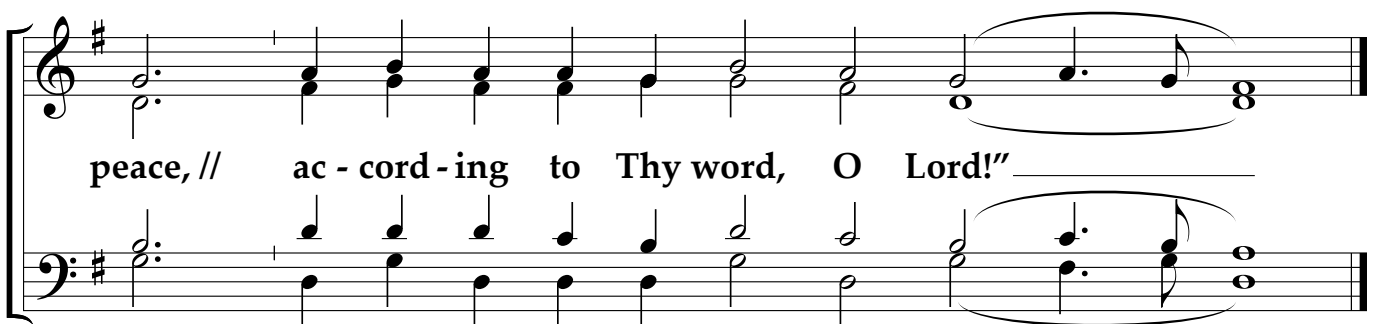
The ho-ly Vir - gin brought the Holy One to the priest in the



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



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



peace, // ac - cord - ing to Thy word, O Lord!"

Tone 2

Sticheron 6 – by Germanus or John the Monk

To - day — 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

To-day— Simeon the Elder enters the Tem-ple, re-joic-ing

in the Spir - it, to take in-to 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 re-proved

the faithless hearts of the He - brews; while Sim - e - on

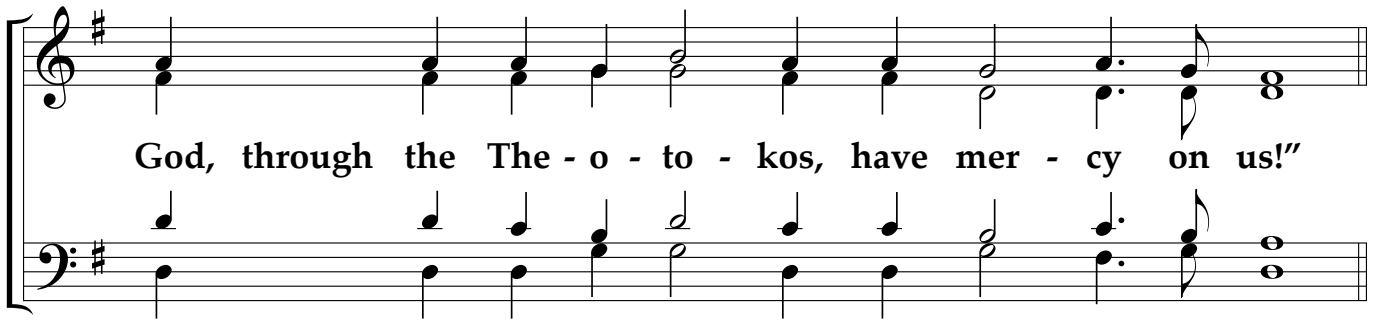
lifted up the pre-eternal Word of the Father in bod - i - ly form,

and revealed the Light of the Gentiles: the Cross and the

Res - ur - rec - tion. And An - na, the Prophetess, pointed

to the Sa - vior, pro - claim - ing Him the Deliverer of

Is - ra - el. Let us cry out to Him: "O Christ, our



God, through the The - o - to - kos, have mer - cy on us!"

Tone 4

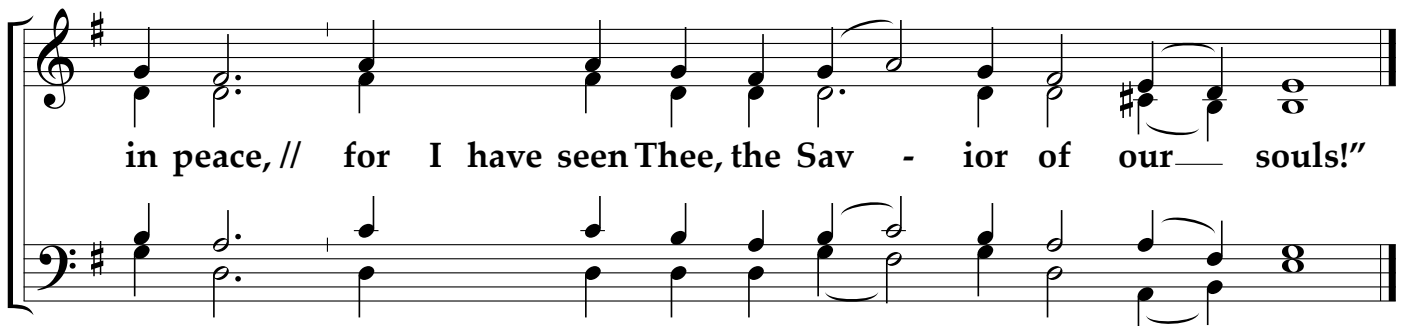
Sticheron 8 – by Andrew of Crete

Today the holy Mother who is even more exalt-ed than the Tem-ple,

has come in-to 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, nei-ther in fancy nor in fantasy

but in 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.

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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 Ho-ly Tem-ple, ful-fill-ing the pro-mise

an-nounced by His own Law. 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!"