

February 2: The Meeting of our Lord
Stichera at the Praises
Tone 4, Special Melody "Thou hast given a sign..."
Kiev Caves Lavra Melody

(4) *Reader:* Praise Him for His mighty acts,

I-descant
II-chant melody

Praise Him according to the mul - ti - tude of — His — great - ness.

He Who lov - eth man - kind, fulfilling the law of the Scrip - tures,

is now borne into the tem - - - - ple; and the el - der Sym - e - on

receiveth Him in his arms cry - ing: "Now Thou lettest me depart

to Thy bless-ed-ness, for today I have seen clad in mor - tal flesh

Him Who hath dominion o - ver life and mas-ter-y o - ver death!"

(3) *Reader:* Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,

Praise Him with psal - ter - y and harp.

Repeat 1st sticheron: "He Who loveth mankind..."

(2) Reader: Praise Him with timbrel and dance,

Praise Him with strings and flute.

Thou didst show Thy-self to be the Light of revelation,

the Sun of righteousness seated upon a light cloud,

fulfilling the shadow of the law, and revealing the beginning of the new grace.

Wherefore Symeon seeing Thee, cried out: "Set me free from

cor - rup - - - tion, for I have seen Thee to - day!"

(1) *Reader:* Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.

Let ev - ery breath praise the Lord.

With-out be - ing sep - a - ra - - ted from the bosom of the Father

in Thy di-vin - i - ty, in-car-nate as Thou _____ didst _____ so will,

Thou wast held in the embrace of the Ev - er - Vir - gin,

and wast given into the arms of Symeon the God-re-ceive - - - er,

O Thou Who holdest all things in Thy hands. Where-fore he cried

a - loud with joy: "Now Thou lettest me, Thy servant

de - part in peace, for I have seen Thee, O Mas - ter!"

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