

## FEBRUARY 2

### The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

#### "Lord I Call..." Tone 1\*

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
Hear me, O Lord!  
Lord, I call upon You, hear me!  
Receive the voice of my prayer,  
when I call upon You!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise  
in Your sight as incense,  
and let the lifting up of my hands  
be an evening sacrifice!//  
Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!*

*v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.*

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

*v. (5) For Your Name's sake I wait for You, O Lord. My soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

**Tone 1**     *Idiomela*     (by Patriarch Germanus)

Simeon, tell us, Whom you bear in your arms,  
that you rejoice so greatly in the Temple?  
To Whom do you shout and cry aloud:  
"Now I am set free, for I have seen my Savior?"  
This is He Who was born of a Virgin;  
this is God the Word, Who came forth from God,  
Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man.//  
Let us worship Him!

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\* Music for the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord from the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations can be downloaded at [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org).

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Simeon, receive Him Whom Moses once beheld in darkness,  
granting the Law on Sinai,  
now that He has become a Babe subject to the Law!  
This is He Who spoke through the Law.  
This is He, of Whom the Prophets spoke,  
Who for our sakes has taken flesh and has saved man.//  
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*v. (1) For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Come, let us also go to meet Christ with divine songs!  
Let us receive Him Whose salvation Simeon saw!  
This is He Whom David announced;  
this is He Who spoke in the Prophets,  
Who, for our sakes, has taken flesh and Who speaks through the Law.//  
Let us worship Him!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6**      *(by John the Monk)*

Let the gate of heaven be opened today,  
for the unoriginate Word of the Father  
has made a beginning in time without forsaking His divinity.  
As a Babe forty days old,  
of His own will He is brought by the Virgin, His Mother,  
as an offering in the Temple of the Law.  
The Elder receives Him in his arms,  
crying as a servant to his Master:  
“Let me depart for my eyes have seen Your salvation!” //  
Glory to You, O Lord, for You have come into the world to save mankind.

### **Old Testament Readings**

**Composite 6** (*Exodus 12:51-13:3; Leviticus 12:2-7, Numbers 8:16-17*)

**Isaiah 6:1-12**

**Composite 7** (*Isaiah 19:1, 3, 4-5, 12, 16, 19-21*)

## Aposticha

**Tone 7**      *(by Cosmas the monk)*

Adorn your bridal chamber, O Zion,  
and welcome Christ the King!  
Salute Mary, the heavenly gate, fashioned as the throne of the Cherubim!  
She carries the King of Glory!  
The Virgin is a cloud of light:  
she has borne in the flesh the Son begotten before the Morning Star.  
Simeon, taking Him in his arms, proclaimed to the peoples://  
“He is the Master of life and death; the Savior of the world!”

*V. Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation! (Luke 2:29)*

The unwedded Mother has brought into the Temple  
Him Who shone forth before the ages from the Father.  
In these latter times He was born from a Virgin womb.  
He gave the Law on Mount Sinai, yet He makes Himself obedient to the  
    commandment of the Law.  
She has brought Him to the Priest and righteous Elder  
whose appointed lot it was to see Christ the Lord.  
Simeon, receiving Him in his arms, rejoiced greatly and cried aloud:  
“This is God Who is co-eternal with the Father!//  
He is the Redeemer of our souls!”

*V. A Light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. (Luke 2:32)*

The Theotokos Mary carried in her arms  
Him Who is borne aloft upon the chariot of the cherubim, and praised  
    in song by the seraphim.  
The Giver of the Law, Who fulfills the commandment of the Law,  
was made flesh of the Unwedded Virgin.  
She gave Him into the arms of the Priest and Elder.  
Holding the Life, he asked to be released from life, saying:  
“Now, Master, let me depart to declare to Adam  
that I have seen the pre-eternal God and Savior of the world,//  
Who was made a Babe without undergoing change!”

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 8**      *(by Andrew of Crete)*

He Who is borne on high by the Cherubim  
and praised in hymns by the Seraphim  
is brought today according to the Law into the holy Temple  
and rests in the arms of the Elder as on a throne.  
From Joseph He receives gifts fitting for God:  
a pair of doves, a symbol of the spotless Church  
and of the newly chosen people of the Gentiles,  
and two young pigeons,  
for He is the originator of the two Covenants, both Old and New.  
Simeon, now granted the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning himself,  
blesses the Virgin and Theotokos Mary.  
He foretells in figures the Passion of her Son.  
From Him he begs release, crying aloud:  
“Now, Master, let me depart as You have promised me,  
for I have seen the pre-eternal Light//  
and the Lord and Savior of the people who bear the Name of Christ!”

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**Tone 1**      **Troparion**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
you accepted in your arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

*(sung once at Great Vespers, thrice at Vigil)*

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

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**Tone 1      Kontakion**

By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb  
and blessed Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now You have come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, //  
O only Lover of Man!

**Tone 3      Prokeimenon      *(Song of the Theotokos)***

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
*(Lk. 1:46-47)*

*V. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden, for behold, all generations will call me blessed. (Lk. 1:48)*

**Epistle**  
(316) Hebrews 7:7-17

**Tone 8**  
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**Gospel**  
(7) Luke 2:22-40  
*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)*

### **Tone 3**

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians,  
protect, preserve, and save those who hope in you!

In the shadow and letter of the Law,  
let us the faithful discern a figure:  
every male [child] that opens the womb  
is holy to God.

Therefore we magnify the firstborn Word of the Father Who has no beginning, //  
the Son firstborn of a Mother who had not known man.

### **Communion Hymn**

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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