

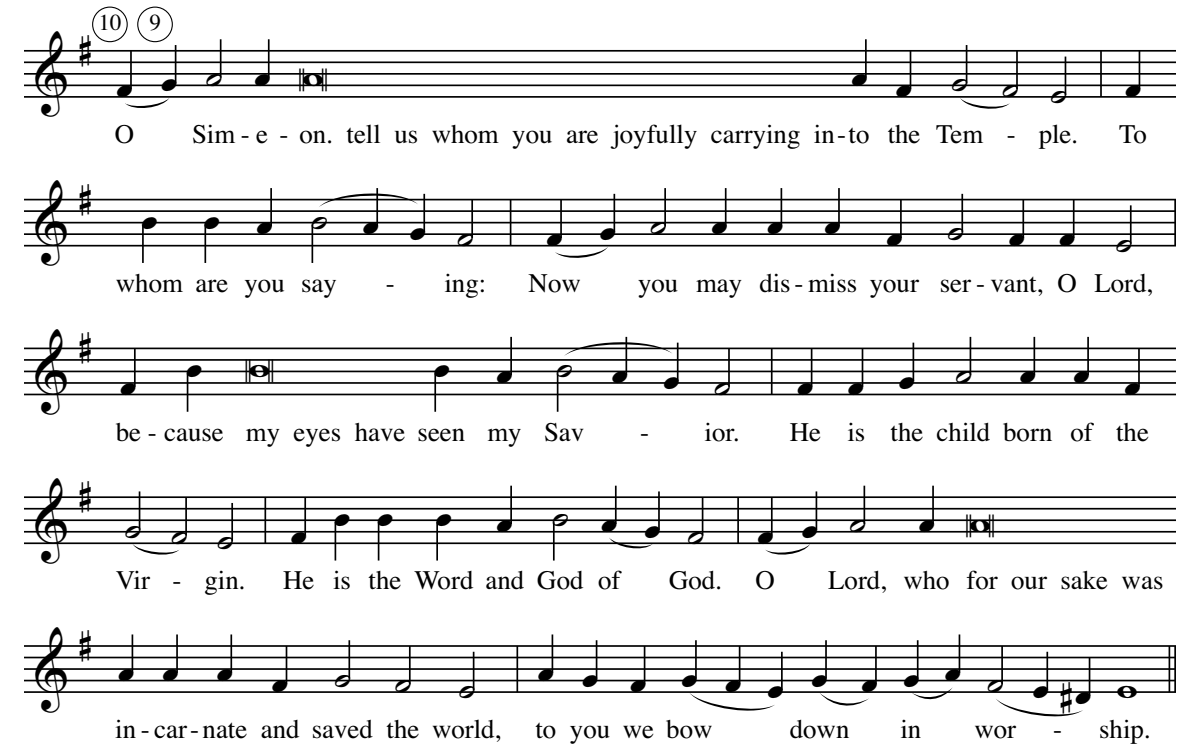
Vesper Propers, February 2, 2008
THE MEETING OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
WITH SIMEON AND ANNA
Cheesefare Saturday
Memory of All Holy Ascetics

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The First Kathisma is sung (p.10)
Lamplighting Psalms Tone 1 p. 24

Cantor: (Tone 1) Bring my soul out of this prison
(on 10) and then I shall praise your name.

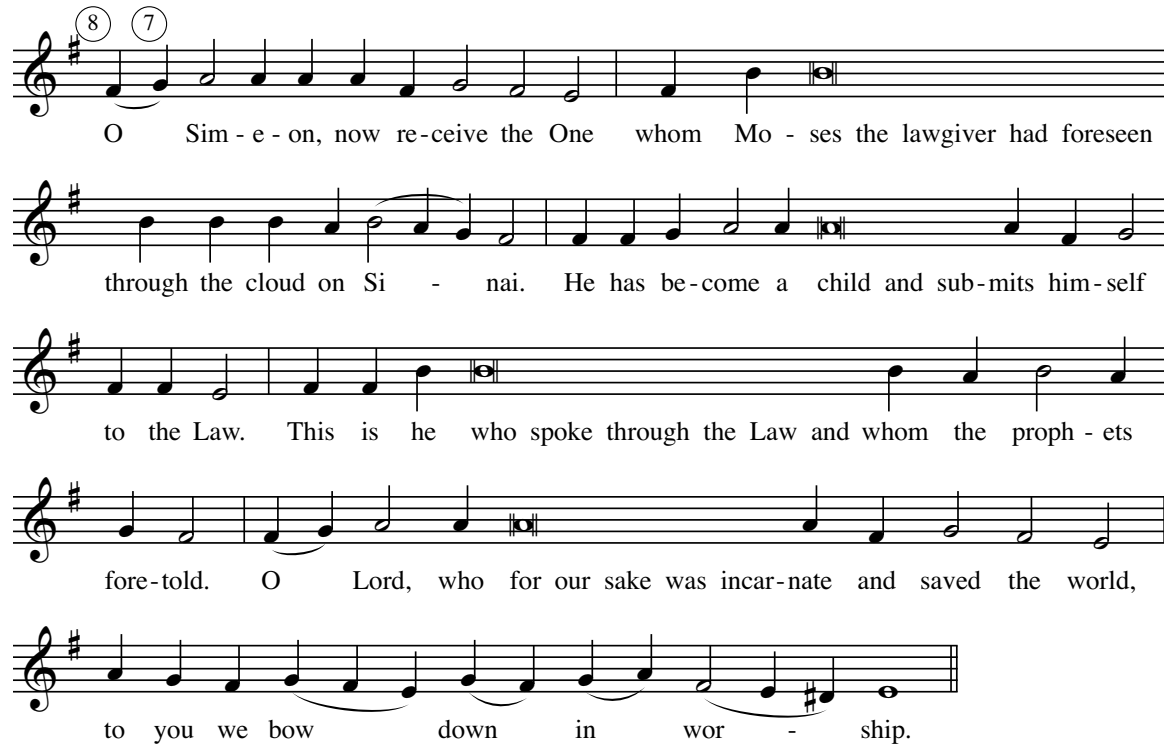
Stichera of the Meeting - Tone 1 samohlasen



O Sim - e - on. tell us whom you are joyfully carrying in-to the Tem - ple. To
whom are you say - ing: Now you may dis - miss your ser - vant, O Lord,
be - cause my eyes have seen my Sav - ior. He is the child born of the
Vir - gin. He is the Word and God of God. O Lord, who for our sake was
in - car - nate and saved the world, to you we bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor: Around me the just will assemble
(on 9) because of your goodness to me. All repeat "O Simeon, tell us..."

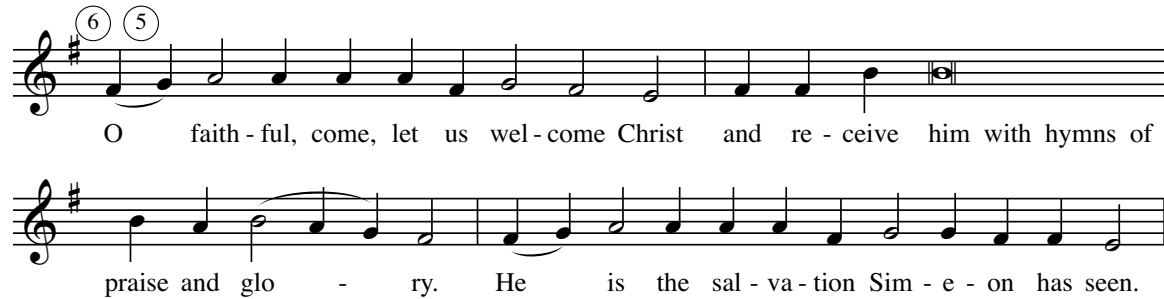
Cantor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; **Psalm 129**
(on 8) Lord, hear my voice!



O Sim - e - on, now re-ceive the One whom Mo - ses the lawgiver had foreseen
through the cloud on Si - nai. He has be-come a child and sub-mits him-self
to the Law. This is he who spoke through the Law and whom the proph - ets
fore-told. O Lord, who for our sake was incar-nate and saved the world,
to you we bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor: Let your ears be attentive
(on 7) to the voice of my pleading. *All repeat "O Simeon, now receive..."*

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness; for this we revere you.

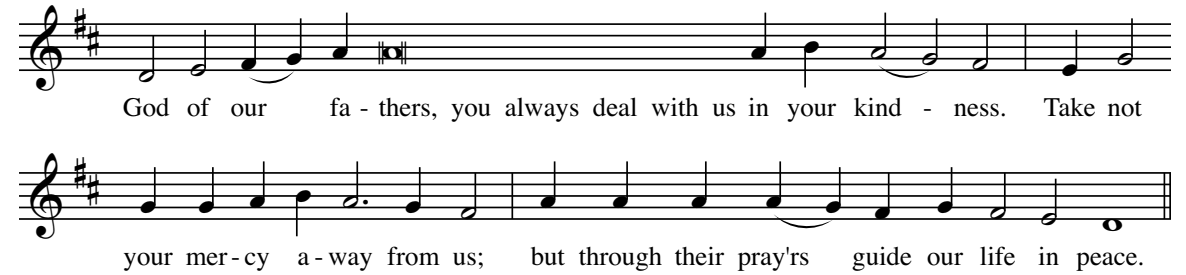


O faith - ful, come, let us wel-come Christ and re - ceive him with hymns of
praise and glo - ry. He is the sal - va - tion Sim - e - on has seen.



dark - ness. Re-joice al - so, you just el - der; you re-ceived in
your arms the liber-a - tor of our souls, who grants us res-ur-rec - tion.

Troparion of Cheese-fare Saturday - Tone 4



God of our fa - thers, you always deal with us in your kind - ness. Take not
your mer-cy a-way from us; but through their pray'rs guide our life in peace.

Blessing of Bread, p. 119

e - ter - nal Light, the Lord and Savior of all Chris - tian peo - ple.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Of the Holy Ascetics - Tone 8 samohlasen

We hon - or all you monas - tics, you ho - ly ones; you are our spir - it - ual guides;

from you we have learned to walk on the nar - row path. Bless - ed are you,

for you have served Christ, break - ing the pow - er of the En - e - my;

you are the companions of the angels, the just and ho - ly ones.

To - gether with them, entreat the Lord to have mer - cy on our souls.

Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1 (sung twice)

Re - joice, The - o - to - kos, Vir - gin full of grace; for from you has shone forth

the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God, en - light - en - ing those who are in

He is the One whom Da - vid fore - told, and of whom the proph - ets have spo - ken.

O Lord, who for our sake was incarnate and in - spired the Law, to you we

bow down in wor - ship.

Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord, more than watchman for daybreak.
All repeat "O faithful..."

Cantor: (Tone 8) Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of the Holy Ascetics - Tone 8 samohlasen

Come, all you faith - ful, let us cel - ebrate the memory of our ho - ly

An - ces - tors: An - thon - y the Great, Euthymius the illustrious, and each and

ev - ry one. Let us re - count the story of their lives as a Par - a - dise

of de - light. In joy let us praise these trees plant - ed by our God,

for they have borne the fruits of im - mor - tal life and have pre - sent - ed them to

Christ as food for our souls. O blessed and God-bearing Ancestors, pray for
our sal - va - - - tion.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. *All repeat "Come, all you faithful..."*

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him, all you peoples!

Re-joyce, O faith-ful E - - - gypt! Re-joyce, O ho - ly Lib - ya!
Re - joyce, O chosen The - ba - id! Let ev - 'ry place and coun - try and
ci - ty re-joyce who has nour - ished these citizens of the king - dom of
heav - en, mak - ing them grow through fasting and la - bors,
so that they may become perfect through the love of God. For our souls,
they are lu - min - ous stars en - light - ening the ends of the u - ni - verse

brought into the holy Tem - ple ac - cord - ing to the Law. He is sit - ting in the arms
of an old man as though up - on a throne. From Jo - seph he receives God - pleasing
gifts, a pair of tur - tle - doves, and from the newly - chosen people of the
Gen - tiles, an un - de - filed Church. The two doves indicate that he is the head of
the two Testaments, both Old and New. As for Sim - eon, when he saw what had
been re - vealed come to pass, he re - ceived the child and blessed the vir - gin
Moth - er of God, point - ing out to her the sufferings that she would bear.
He asked the Lord to be re - leased from life, say - ing: Now you may dismiss
me, O Lord, as you have prom - ised; for my eyes have seen you, the

char-i - ot of the Cher-u-bim and is praised with the hymns of the Ser-a-phim.

He was in-car-nate of her with-out hu-man seed; he is the Law-giver who

fulfills the precepts of the Law. She hand-ed him over into the arms of

the aged priest. Hold-ing the Life in per-son, Sim-e-on asked

to be delivered of his pres-ent life, say-ing: Dis-miss me now, O Master, that I

may tell Ad-am how my eyes have seen the e-ter-nal God who was

made man without under-go-ing change, and who brought a-bout the

sal - va - tion of the world.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Encounter - Tone 8 samohlasen

He who rides on the Cherubim and is praised by the Ser - a-phim is now be-ing

by the light of their works and their shin - ing mir - a - cles.

O blessed and God-bearing Ances-tors, pray for our sal - va - - - tion.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.
(on 1)

What mor - tal could speak of your won - drous lives, O most ho - ly

Fa - thers and Moth - ers? What tongue could tell of your spir - it - ual strife,

to - geth - er with your labors to grow in vir - tue, the mor - tification of your

bodies and the struggles a - gainst pas - sions, a - midst your vig - ils, tears,

and pray'rs? You have tru - ly ap - peared as an - gels in this world and have

ut - terly destroyed the pow - er of de - mons by your mir - acles and bril - liant

ex - ploits. O blessed Ancestors, pray that we may share in the e - ter - nal joy.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the Holy Ascetics - Tone 6 samohlasen

Pre - serv - ing intact the im - age and like - ness, and the mastery of the spirit o - ver
pas - sions, you have be - come most like the im - age of God.
You brave - ly overcame your na - ture, sub - mitting evil to good and flesh to
spir - it. You have at - tained the sum - mit of mon - as - tic life;
you are cit - izens of the des - ert, mas - ters of endurance and mod - els of vir - tue.
And now in the heav - ens, O ho - ly ones, you no long - er see with mir - rors;
ra - ther you see clearly the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty, with whom you now
in - ter - cede for those who hon - or you with faith and love.

Cantor: Now and ever...

The all - pure Moth - er carried in - to the Tem - ple the One who comes forth from
the Father in all e - ter - ni - ty and from the womb of a Vir - gin in time.
The Law - mak - er of Mount Sinai sub - mits to the Law and is pre - sent - ed
to the elderly and ho - ly one so that he may see the Prom - ised One.
When Sim - eon received him in his arms, he joy - ful - ly cried out:
This is God, co - eternal with the Fa - ther, and the Sav - ior of
our souls.

Cantor

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your peo - ple, Is - ra - el.
Mar - y, the Moth - er of God, carried in her arms the Lord who rides the

Aposticha

Tone 7 samohlasen

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A-dorn your brid-al cham-ber, O Zi-on, and wel-come Christ the King.

Wel-come Mar-y, the gate of heav-en, for she has appeared as a

che-ru-bic throne on which the King of Glo-ry is seat-ed. In-deed,

the Virgin has become a cloud of light, bear-ing in her arms the e-ter-nal

Son. Sim-e-on received him in his arms and pro-claimed to the people

that he is the Mas-ter, the Mas-ter of life and death, and the

Sav-ior of the world.

Cantor

Now you may dismiss your servant, O Lord, ac-cord-ing to your word, in peace.

Of the Meeting - Tone 6 samohlasen

To-day the gates of heav-en swing o-pen, for the Word of the Father who has no

be-gin-ning has re-ceived be-gin-ning in time with-out any loss to his

di-vin-i-ty. As a child of forty days he is offered by a vir-gin Moth-er

in the Tem-ple ac-cord-ing to the Law. The El-der Simeon receives

him in his arms and cries out: Dis-miss me, O Master, for my eyes have seen your

sal-va-tion; O Lord, who came in-to the world to save us, glo-ry to you!

Prokeimenon of Friday evening, p. 115

- Readings:** 1) Exodus 12: 51; 13: 1-3, 10-10, 14-16; 22: 29
 Leviticus 12: 1-4, 6-8
 Numbers 8: 17
- 2) Isaiah 6: 1-12
- 3) Isaiah 19: 1-5, 12, 16, 19-21

Litija

Tone 4 Bolhar

To-day, the ho - ly Moth - er who is high - er than an - y tem - ple
has her-self come in - to the Tem - ple to show the world the
Cre - a - tor and Giv - er of the Law. Sim - e - on the El - der
re-ceive him in his arms; he ven - er - ates him and cries a - loud:
Now let your ser - vant de - part in peace,
for I have seen you, the Sav - ior of our souls.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 5 Bolhar

Search the Scrip-tures as Christ our God said in the Gos - pels; for in them
we find him who was born and wrapped in swad - dling clothes,

the One laid in a man - ger and fed up - on milk, who re - ceived
cir - cum - ci - sion and was car - ried by Sim - e - on. Not in fan - cy, nor in
im - ag - in - a - tion, but in ve - ry truth has he ap - peared to the world.
Let us cry out to him: Glo - ry to you, O Pre - e - ter - nal God!

Cantor Now and ever...

Theotokion

He who is an - cient of days and young in the flesh is be - ing brought
to the Tem - ple by his vir - gin Moth - er. He ful - fills the prom - ise
of his own law. Sim - e - on re - ceives him and says: Now you
may dis - miss your ser - vant, ac - cord - ing to your word, in peace,
for my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, O Lord.