

Divine Liturgy, February 2
The Meeting of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ With Simeon and Anna

This feast is celebrated forty days after the birth of the Savior on December 25. Saint Sophronius of Jerusalem wrote about this feast: “Let us all hasten to meet Christ. Everyone should be eager to join the procession and to carry a light. Our lighted candles are a sign of the divine splendor of the One who comes to expel the dark shadows of evil and to make the whole universe radiant with the brilliance of his eternal Light.”

Hymn

melody: Hark, the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)



1. Zi - on, see your Sav - ior come now of old and new the sum;
2. See the old man; hear him cry: Now, Lord, let Your serv - ant die!
3. Lord, we too shall bear Your light in a world so filled with night;



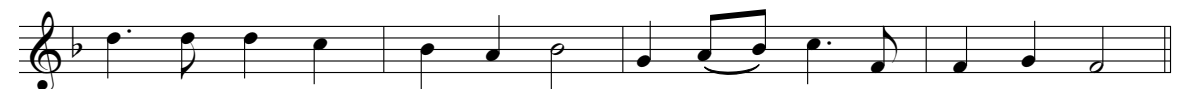
Not as mon - arch, grand and great, not with king - ly pomp and state:
Your sal - va - tion You have shown, Light for ev - 'ry na - tion known!
Saved by You, our in - fant Lord, now we sing with one ac - cord:



But as child of pov - er - ty, in His moth - er's arms is He:
An - na, too, takes up the song, prais - ing God both loud and long,
Fa - ther, who has sent Your Son, Son, who has the vic - t'ry won,




Law ful - filled, His ran - som paid, now in Sim - eon's arms is laid.
Thank - ing God for faith - ful Word, tell - ing what they'd seen and heard.
Spir - it blest, the source of grace, bring us all to see Your face!




Je - sus, light! Your praise we sing, Is - rael's Lord and Gen - tiles' King!

Entrance hymn for the Meeting - Tone 1 troparion (Psalm 97:2)




The Lord has made his sal - va - tion known; in the sight of the nations he has




re - vealed his jus - tice.


Troparion of the Meeting - Tone 1




Re-joyce, 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

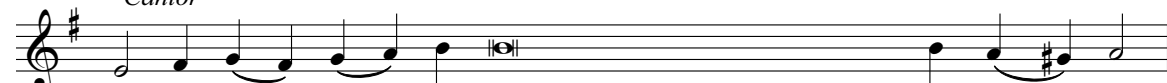


dark - ness. Re-joyce al - so, you just el - der; you re - ceived in




your arms the liber - a - tor of our souls, who grants us res - ur - rec - tion.

Cantor

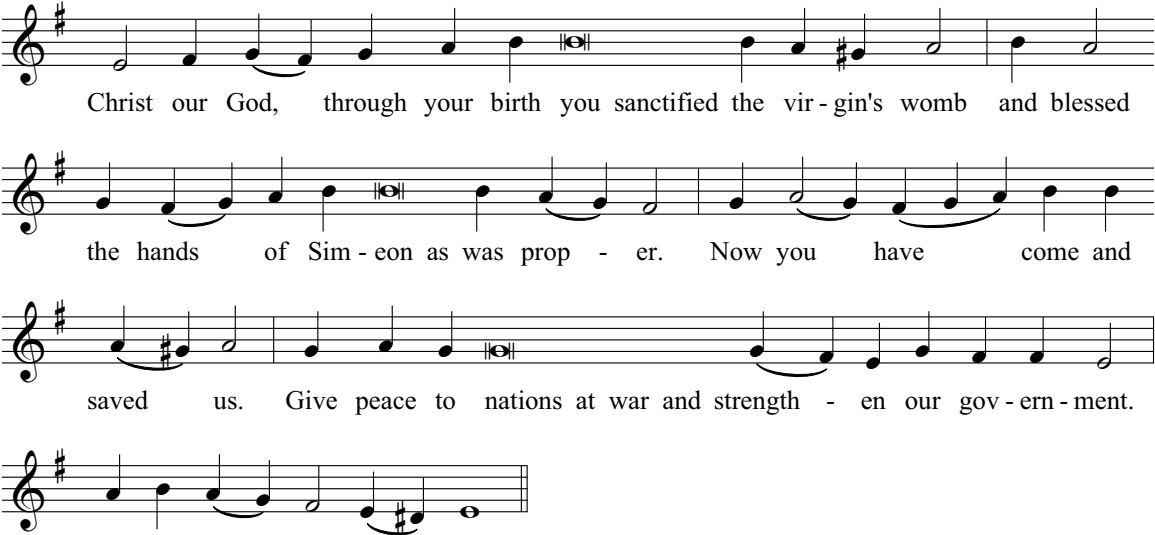


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,




now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Meeting - Tone 1



Christ our God, through your birth you sanctified the vir-gin's womb and blessed
the hands of Sim-eon as was prop-er. Now you have come and
saved us. Give peace to nations at war and strength-en our gov-ern-ment.
You, a-lone, love us all.

Prokeimenon of the Meeting - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48)



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spir-it re-joic-es
in God my Sav-ior.

Verse: For he has looked with favor on the humility of his servant;
from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed.

Alleluia -Tone 8 (Luke 2: 29, 32)



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Verse: Now you may dismiss your servant, O Lord, in peace according to your word.

Verse: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

Instead of "It is truly proper..."

Magnification

Vir-gin The - o - to - kos, the hope of Chris-tians, pro-tect, watch
and save those who have placed their hope in you.

Irmos

simple setting, Tone 6 Irmos

O faith - ful, let us recognize the fig - ure of Christ fore - shad-owed in
the letter of the Law which says: Ev - 'ry male child who opens the womb is
sanc-ti-fied to God. There - fore, the first - born Word and Son of the Father without
be - gin-ning, the first - born Son of a mother who had not known man:
him, let us ex - tol.

Or the following:

Irmos

solemn setting, Tone 3 samopodoben

O faith - ful, let us recog-nize the fig - ure of Christ fore - shad-owed in the

let - ter of the Law, which says: Ev - 'ry male child who
o - pens the womb is sanc - ti - fied to God. There - fore,
the first - born Word and Son of the
Fa - ther with-out be - gin - ning, the first-born Son of a moth-er
who had not known man- him, let us ex - tol.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 115: 4)

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I shall take the chal - ice, the chal-ice of sal-va - tion and call up-on the
name of the Lord, and call up - on the name of the Lord.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!