

# Aposticha

Meeting of Our Lord in the Temple - February 2

Tone 7

Sticheron 1 by Cosmas the monk

Common Chant  
arr. from L'vov-Bakhmetev

Soprano  
Alto

A - dorn your bridal chamber, O Zion, and welcome Christ

Tenor  
Bass

Detailed description: This system shows the first line of music for Soprano and Alto voices. The Soprano part is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The Alto part is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "A - dorn your bridal chamber, O Zion, and welcome Christ". The music consists of a series of chords and single notes.

the King! Sa-lute Mar - y, the heavenly gate, fashioned as the throne

Detailed description: This system shows the second line of music. The lyrics are: "the King! Sa-lute Mar - y, the heavenly gate, fashioned as the throne". The musical notation continues with chords and single notes.

of the cher - u-bim! She car - ries the King of Glo - ry! The Vir - gin

Detailed description: This system shows the third line of music. The lyrics are: "of the cher - u-bim! She car - ries the King of Glo - ry! The Vir - gin". The musical notation continues with chords and single notes.

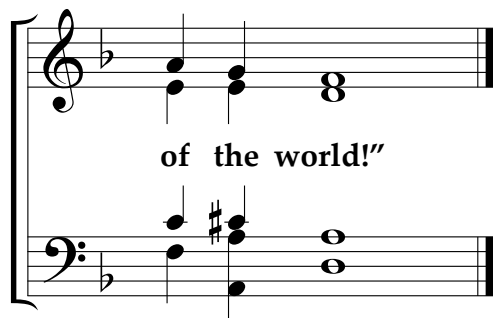
is a cloud of light: She has borne in the flesh the Son begotten before

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the morn - ing star. Sim - eon, taking Him in his arms, proclaimed to

Detailed description: This system shows the fifth and final line of music. The lyrics are: "the morn - ing star. Sim - eon, taking Him in his arms, proclaimed to". The musical notation concludes with chords and single notes.

the peo - ples: "He is the Master of life and death; the Sav - ior



of the world!"

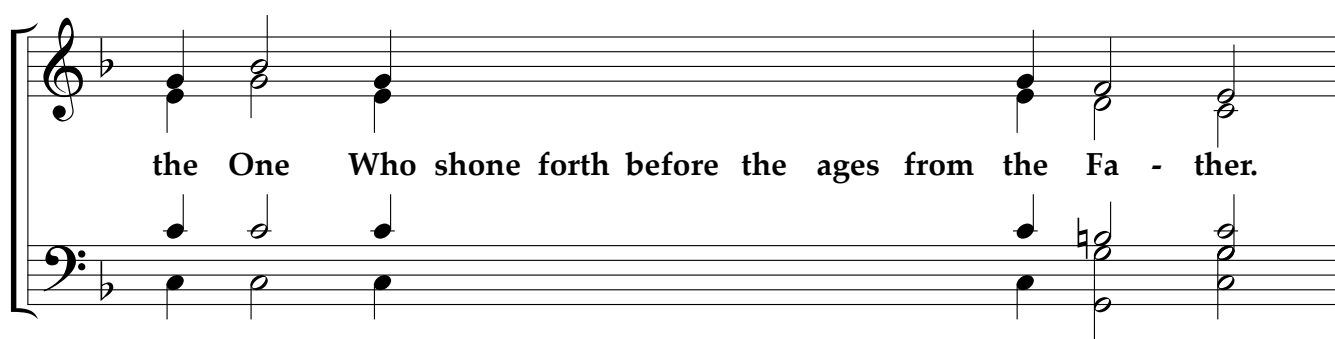
v. Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation! (Lk 2:29)

Sticheron 2

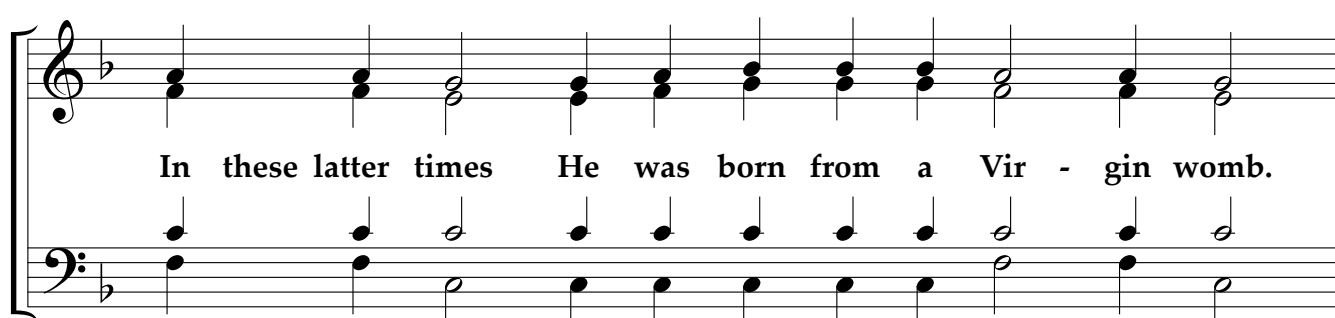
Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

The un - wed - ded Moth - er has brought into the Tem - ple



the One Who shone forth before the ages from the Fa - ther.



In these latter times He was born from a Vir - gin womb.

He gave the Law on Mount Sinai yet He makes Himself obedient to the

com-mand - ment of the Law. She has brought Him to the

priest and righteous El - der whose appointed lot it was to see Christ

the Lord. Sim - e - on, re-ceiving Him in his arms, rejoiced greatly

and cried a-loud: "This is God Who is co-eternal with the Fa - ther.

He is the Re-deem - er of our souls!"

v. A Light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. (Lk 2:32)

Sticheron 3

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

The The - o - to - kos Mar - y car - ried in her arms

the One Who is borne aloft upon the char'iot of the cherubim, and

praised in song by the ser - a-phim. The Gi - ver of the Law Who

fulfills the com - mand - ment of the Law was made flesh of the

un-wed - ded one. She gave Him in - to the arms of the priest

and El - der. Hold-ing the Life he asked to be released from life,

say - ing: "Now Mas - ter, let me de-part to declare to Ad - am,


that I have seen the pre-eternal God and Sav - ior of the world,

Who was made a Babe with-out un - der go - ing change!"

vs. *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

Soprano  
Alto





He Who is borne on high by the cher - u - bim and praised



Tenor  
Bass


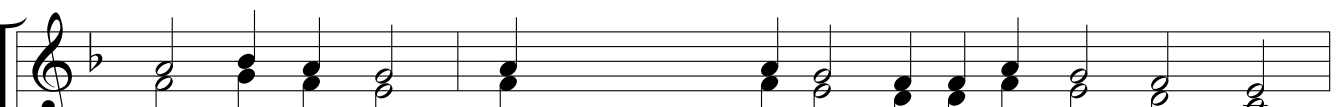
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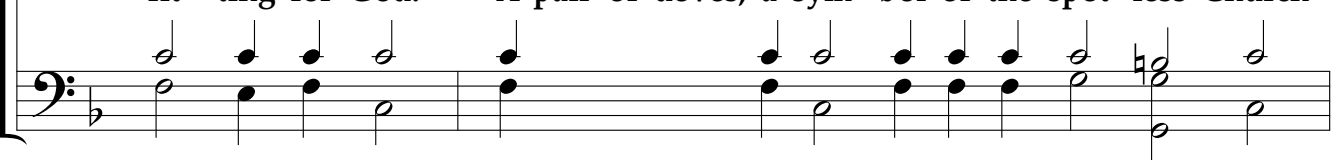
the Law in - to the ho - ly — Tem - ple and rests in the arms

of the Eld - er as on a throne. From Joseph He receives gifts

fit - ting for God: A pair of doves, a sym - bol of the spot - less Church



and of the newly chosen people of the Gen - tiles, and two

young pi - geons, for He is the originator of the two Cov - e -

nants, both Old and New. Simeon, now granted the fulfillment of

the prophecies con - cer - ning him - self, blesses the Virgin and Theotokos

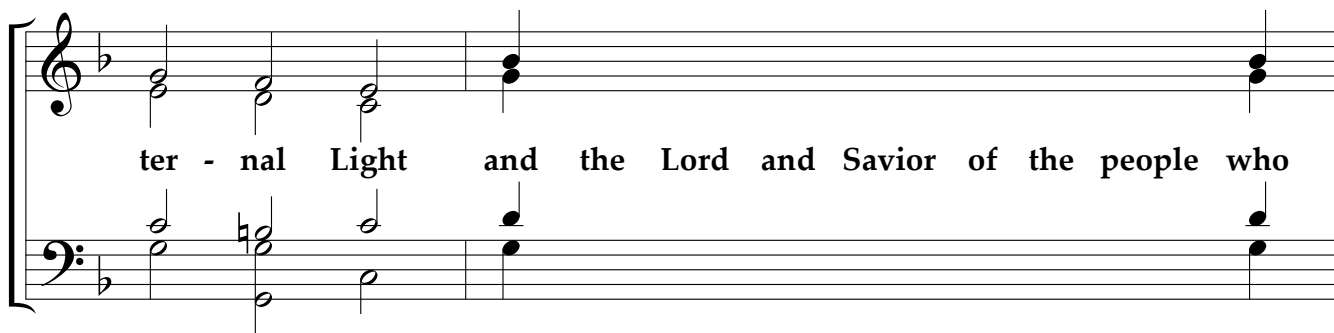
Mar - y. He foretells in fig - ures the Pas - sion of her Son.



From Him he begs release, cry - ing a - loud: "Now, Master, let me



depart as You have pro - mised me, for I have seen the pre - e -



ter - nal Light and the Lord and Savior of the people who



bear the name of Christ."