

The Forefeast of the Meeting of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ

Verses on Lord I Call Upon Thee

Verse 1:

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The honoured temple mak-eth ready to receive within itself the Lord

who com-eth as a Babe and no-etic-al-ly

il-lu-min-eth with grace his most faithful assembly be-lov-ed of God;

where-fore it cri-eth out: thou art the glory, the boast

and the adornment of my full-ness, O Word,

who for my sake be-cam-est a Babe in the flesh!

Verse 2:

The most splendid bri-dal cham- ber, the all-precious tab-er- na- cle,

the ho- ly and spacious tem- ple, doth betroth herself beforehand to

His ho- noured Church and e- ver pray - - eth,

That those who unceasingly glorify her as true The- o- to- kos

be delivered from corruption and mis- for - tunes.

Verse 3:

Let us now offer unto Christ the praise of the fore-feast, glorifying His

con-des-cen-sion, for, car-ried in the Virgin's arms as an in-fant,

He cometh to lie in the arms of Sy-me-on, crying out to all - - men:

and to dei-fy their na-ture, as be-ne-fac-tor and Lord.

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