

Proper hymns – Vespers 02 February 2019

*Lord I have called... verses – Sts Symeon and Anna*

*Tone 4*

As one righteous and perfect  
and glorious in all, O divinely inspired one,  
thou didst take up in thine arms  
the one perfect God, incarnate,  
Who cameth to justify the world;  
and thou didst cry out to Him, that thou mightest be released from thy  
body:

“Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,  
for I have beheld Thee today,  
O Thou Who lovest mankind.”

Young in spirit,  
yet elderly of body, O Symeon,  
thou hadst received the promise that thou wouldst not see death  
until thou wouldst behold a young Babe  
Who before time is the Creator and God of all,  
yet humbled Himself by assuming flesh;  
and beholding Him, thou didst cry out  
and didst ask to be loosed of the flesh,  
passing over, rejoicing, to the mansions of God.

The divinely inspired Anna  
and the all-rich Symeon,  
resplendent in prophecy,  
manifest as blameless according to the law,  
beholding the Bestower of the law  
manifest among us as a Babe,  
now have worshipped Him.  
Their memory do we now joyously celebrate,  
glorifying Jesus Who loveth mankind, as is meet.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
Tone 5*

The Ancient of days, having become a babe,  
is borne into the temple by the Virgin Mother,  
fulfilling the promise of His own law;  
and Symeon, receiving Him, said:  
“Now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,  
according to Thy word;  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, O Holy One!”

*At the Aposticha:*

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

*Tone 1*

Today, He Who gaveth the law to Moses on Sinai  
submitteth to the commands of the law,  
having become like us for our sake,  
in that He is full of loving kindness.  
Now our pure God, as a holy Infant,  
having opened the womb of the pure one,  
is offered to Himself, as God,  
freeing our souls from the curse of the law and enlightening them.