

Meeting of the Lord

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Aposticha

Both now and ev-er and un-to the ag - es of ag - - es. A - men.

He Who is borne on high by the che - - ru - bim

and praised in hymns by the se - - - ra - phim,

is brought to-day ac-cor - ding to the Law in - to the ho - ly tem - ple

and rests in the arms of the Elder as on a throne.

From Joseph He re - ceives gifts fit - - - ting for God;

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a pair of doves, sym - bol of the spot - less Church

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and of the newly-chosen people of the Gen - tiles;

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and two young pig - eons, for He is the Originator of the two Cov - en-ants,

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both Old and New.

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Sim-oen, having now been granted the fulfilment of the prophecies con-cer - ning him-self,

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bles - ses the Virgin and Theoto - kos Ma - ry,

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and foretells in fig - ures the Pas - sion of her Son.

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From Him he begs re - lease, cry - ing a - loud:

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'Now let me depart, O Master, as Thou hast be - fore pro - mised to me;

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for I have seen Thee the pre - e - ter - nal Light,

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the Lord and Saviour of the people that bear the name of Christ.'