The Ancient of Days, Who gave Moses the Law on Sinai in former times, today appears as a Child. As Maker of the Law, He fulfills the Law. He is brought into the Temple according to the Law, and given over to the Elder. Simeon the
righteous receives Him. Beholding the fulfillment of the divine order now brought to pass, rejoicing aloud, he cries: “My eyes have seen the mystery hidden from the ages made manifest in these latter days, the Light that disperses the foolishness of the faithless Gentiles, and the glory of the newly-chosen Israel!”
Therefore let Your servant depart from the bonds of this flesh to the life filled with wonder that knows no age or end, // for You grant the world great mercy!"

Sticheron 2

To-day He Who once gave the Law to Moses on Sinai submits Himself to the commandments of the Law, becoming,
for our sakes, like us in His compassion. Now the God of purity,
as a holy Child, has opened a pure womb, and, as God,
He is brought as an offering to Himself, setting us free from the
curse of the Law, and granting light to our souls.

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

Sticheron 3
Tone 2

Simeon now receives below in his earthly arms the One
Whom the ministers on high entreat with trembling. He proclaims

the union of God with mankind. He sees the heavenly God

as mortal Man. He prepares to withdraw from earthly things,

and raises his cry in joy: "Glory to You, Lord, for You have revealed

to those in darkness // the Light that knows no evening!"
Today the holy Mother who is even more exalted than the Temple,
has come into the Temple, clearly showing to the world the Creator
of the world and the Giver of the Law. Simeon the Elder receives Him
in his arms and honours Him, crying out: “Now let your servant depart
in peace, // for I have seen You, the Savior of our souls!”
vs. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Search the Scriptures, just as Christ our God said in the Gospels!

For in them we find Him being brought forth and wrapped in swaddling clothes, laid in a manger, and nourished with milk, receiving circumcision and held by Simeon, neither in fancy nor in fantasy but in truth appearing to the world. Let us cry aloud...
vs. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 5

Soprano

The Ancient of Days, as a Child in the flesh, is brought by

His Mother, the Virgin, into the Holy Temple, fulfilling the promise

announced by His own Law. Receiving Him, Simeon said:

“Now let your servant depart in peace, according to Your word, for my
eyes have seen your salvation, O Lord!“