The Forefeast of the Meeting in the Temple

February 1

Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

First Mode

"The soldiers standing guard"

Allegro Ἄρπ 3/150

The Heav - ens' choir looked down from the vaults of the Heav - ens, and gaz - ing on the earth, they be - held

with a - maze-ment the First-born of all cre - a - tion brought forth as a suck - ling babe to the
Temple by a pure and virginal mother;

and with us, they now do sing a hymn for the Fore-feast, astonished and full of awe.

A psalm consoles the sad, restrains the joyful, tempers the angry, refreshes the poor and chides the rich man to know himself. To absolutely all who take it, the psalm offers an appropriate medicine; nor does it despise the sinner, but presses upon him the wholesome remedy of penitential tears.

- St. Niceta of Remesiana
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Konatakion

Fourth Mode

"On this day Thou hast appeared"

Ἐν ἀγκάλιας δέξασθαι

On this day doth Symeon receive with gladness God, the Giver of the Law; and he doth cry to Him in fear: Let me depart now, O Master Christ, for I have seen Thee,
the Glory of Israel