The Forefeast of the Meeting in the Temple

February 1

Apolytikion

First Mode (soft chromatic)
"The soldiers standing guard"

The Heav'ns' choir looked down from the vaults of the Heav'ns,
and gazing on the earth, they beheld with amazement the First-born of all creation brought forth as a suckling babe to the Temple by a pure and virginal mother;
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and with us, they now do sing a hymn for the Fore-feast, astonished and full of awe.
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Kontakion

Fourth Mode (modified)
"On this day Thou hast appeared"

Ἐν ἄγκιλαις δέξασθαι

Translation:

This day doth Sym-e-on receive with glad-ness God, the Giver of the Law; and he doth cry to Him_in fear: Let me de-part now, O Mas-ter Christ, for I have seen__Thee, the Glo-ry of Is-ra-el.