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- 1) O pure Virgin Mother, that which came to pass in thee is beyond the understanding of angels and men.
- 2) Now Simeon the elder receives in his arms the Maker of the Law and the Master of all.
- 3) Desiring to save Adam, the Creator took up abode in thy pure and spotless womb, O Virgin Mother of God.
- 4) All creation doth bless thee, O pure Virgin, and in faith doth glorify thee as the Theotokos.
- 5) O come ye and behold Christ the Master of all whom Simeon doth hold in the temple today.
- 6) Thou lookest down upon earth and dost make it tremble; how then can I whom an old carry thee in my arms?
- 7) Simeon had lived for many years when he beheld Christ and cried aloud unto him: "Now let me depart in peace."
- 8) O Mary Theotokos, thou art the mystic tongs who conceived in thy pure womb Christ who is the living Coal.
- 9) Thou, O God, who wast before all things, by thy will became man and art carried to the temple as an infant forty days old.
- 10) The aged priest Simeon received the Lord of all, who by his own holy will came to earth from heaven.
- 11) Illuminate my soul and my senses as well, that I might clearly see thee and proclaim that thou art God.
- 12) O pure Virgin Mother, how dost thou bring him as an infant to the temple and give him to Simeon?
- 13) O Lord, my Creator, now let me depart in peace for I have seen the Christ, my Salvation and Light.
- 14) Him whom the angels on high serve with fear and trembling, now here on earth below Simeon carries.
- 15) O thou who art by nature One, but in Persons Three, keep watch o'er thy servants who put their faith in thee.
- 16) O Virgin Theotokos, Hope of all Christians, protect, preserve and aid all who put their hope in thee.