

HTOCNB Study Group 2.7.12

The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

- Terminology
 - Latin: *Nunc dimittis*
 - Greek: *Nyn apobysis*
 - Release, deliverance
- Scriptural Texts
 - Old Testament:
 - First-born Sacrifice: Exodus 12, 13; Numbers 8
 - Levitical Law: Leviticus 12
 - The Lord presented to his people: Isaiah 6; 19
- Christ the Coal of Fire
 - Hymnography
 - Aposticha, Feb 7:
 - Christ, the Coal of fire,
whom holy Isaiah foresaw,
now is given to the Elder
as in a pair of tongs //
by the hands of the spotless Theotokos.
 - Mary's Hands
 - Tongs carrying the Coal of Fire.
 - Greek: *labis*
 - Eucharist
 - Liturgy: Lo this has touched your lips, purged your iniquities and cleansed your sins.
 - Isaiah 6:7: And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."
 - Liturgy Dismissal
 - Liturgy: Let us depart in peace:
 - *En eirini proelthomen.*
 - Continue, advance, carry on
 - Isaiah 6:8: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."
 - *Apostleilon me*