

**Vesper Propers, December 8, 2013**  
**Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**FEAST OF THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA, MOTHER OF OUR BLESSED LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY.** According to tradition, Joachim and Anna were childless for fifty years of their married life. In their old age, they were promised that a daughter would be born to them. After nine months, St. Anna bore a daughter, blessed by God and by all subsequent generations of humanity: the most holy Theotokos, the ever-virgin Mary.

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the maternity of holy Anna - Tone 4 podoben: Zvannyj svyše byw**

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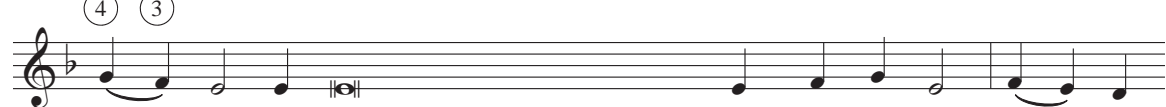
The bar - ren An - na leaped for joy when she gave birth to Mar - y the  
Vir - gin, who in turn will give birth in the flesh to God the Word.  
O - ver - flow - ing with happi-ness, she cried out: Re - joice with me, all  
tribes of Is - ra - el, for I have conceived and put aside my bur - den of  
child-less - ness as the Cre - a - tor has deigned. He heard my pray'r



and healed the pains of my yearning heart.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.  
(Repeat "The barren Anna...")

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.



O Anna, the One who made waters gush forth from a rock bestows



as a fruit of your womb, the ever-virgin Lady. Through her, our



salvation will come. Because of this you were delivered from shame.



No longer will you be on earth as a fruitless soil, for you have produced



an earth which will bring forth the Tree of Life. According to



his will, he delivered the human race from all shame when he became man out of



his compassion - ate mer - - - - cy.

### Troparion

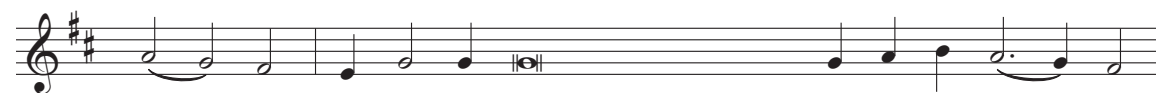
**Troparion of the Maternity - Tone 4**  
*Sung once by the priest and twice by the faithful*



To-day the bonds of barrenness are loosed, for God has heard the pray'rs of



Joachim and Anna. He promised, beyond hope, the birth of their godly



daughter. The indescribable, himself, born of her as a mortal,



commanded us through the angel to sing to her: Re-joice, O woman



full of grace, the Lord is with you.

*The service continues with the Blessing of Bread, p. 119*



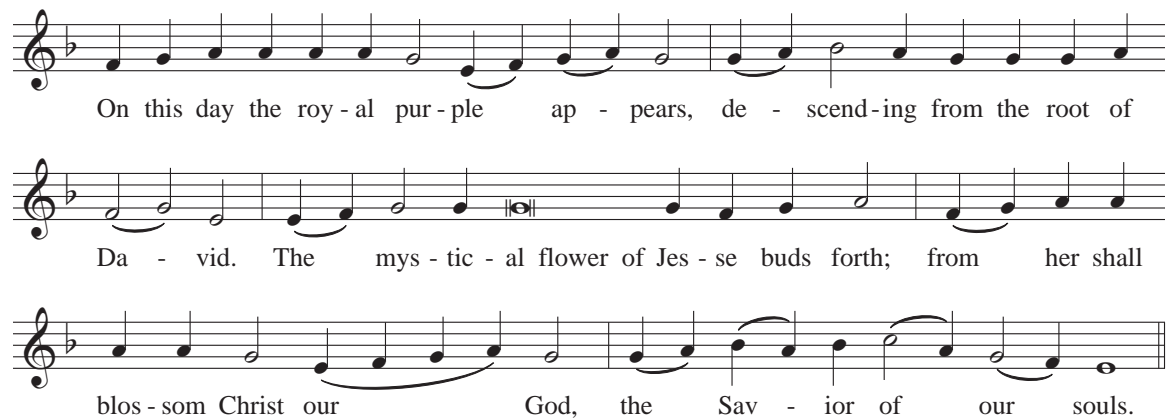
*Litija Litany, p. 116*

### Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4 p. 65), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory... now and ever...

#### Aposticha doxastikon of the maternity of holy Anna - Tone 2 samohlasen



*The service continues with the Prayer of the Holy Prophet Simeon, p. 19.*

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (Repeat "O Anna...")

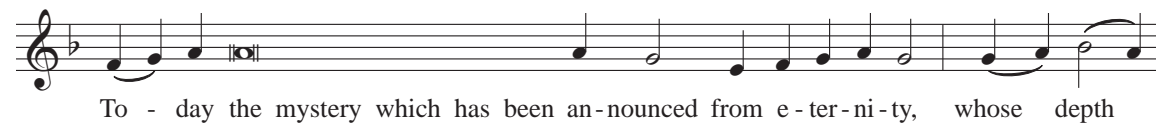
**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever. (Repeat "The sayings of the prophets...")

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Glory...now and ever...

#### Doxastikon - Tone 2 samohlasen



an - gels and human beings can - not meas - ure, ap - pears in the arms of An - na.  
 Mar - y, the mai - den of God, is pre - pared to be the dwell - ing of the King  
 of the a - ges who will re - new our hu - man na - ture. Let us en - treat her  
 with a pure heart and say: Since you are the intercessor for all  
 Chris - tians, im - plore your Son and God to save our souls.

*Prokeimenon for Saturday evening, page 13*

**Readings:** Genesis 28: 10-17 (EOT 304-305)  
 Ezekiel 43: 27 through 44: 4  
 Proverbs 9: 1-11

**Litija**

*Tone 1 Bolhar*

It is fit - ting that the Queen of heav - en and earth, who is more pre - cious  
 than the Cher - u - bim, and in - com - par - a - bly more glo - rious than the

Ser - a - phim, be con - ceived and remain im - mac - u - late as the an - gels,  
 so that they who are serv - ants of the Lord can boast of  
 their own Queen, the The - o - to - kos. Glo - ry and praise to the Lord  
 who willed it so, the Cre - a - tor of all things.

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Doxastikon - Tone 1 Bolhar**

Be - fore the na - tiv - i - ty of the Son of God, it was fit - ting  
 for the Fa - - - ther to be - stow the most pure con - cep - tion up - on the  
 The - o - to - kos, who is be - trothed of the Ho - ly Spir - it, that  
 she might be filled with heav - en - ly gifts in a man - ner be - yond  
 all oth - er crea - tures. Glo - ry and praise to the Lord who willed it so,