

Vesper Propers, December 8, 2024  
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:** (Tone 4) 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 samohlasen**

The barren 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 happiness, 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



yearn-ing 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 be - stows as a fruit of



your womb, the ev-er - vir - gin La - dy. Through her, our salva-tion will come.



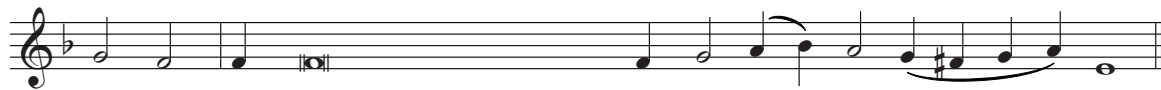
Be - cause of this you were de - liv - ered from shame. No long - er will you be on



earth as a fruit-less soil, for you have pro-duced an earth which will bring forth the



Tree of Life. Ac - cord-ing to his will, he delivered the human race from



all shame when he became man out of his com - pas - sion - ate mer - cy.

**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...")

## Troparion

### Troparion of the Maternity - Tone 4

*Sung once by the priest and twice by the faithful*



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



Jo - a - chim and An - na. He prom - ised, beyond hope, the birth of their god - ly



daugh - ter. The In - des - cribable, himself, born of her as a mor - tal,



com - mand - ed us through the an - gel to sing to her: Re-joice, O wo - man



full of grace, the Lord is with you.

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

the Cre - a - tor of all things.

*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**

On this day the roy - al pur - ple ap - pears, de - scend - ing from the root of  
Da - vid. The mys - tic - al flower of Jes - se buds forth; from her shall  
blos - som Christ our God, the Sav - ior of our souls.

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

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

The sayings of the prophets are now be - ing ful - filled: the holy mountain is plant - ed  
in the womb; the di - vine lad - der is set up; the throne  
of the great king is read - y; the God - inspired ci - ty is be - ing a - dorned.  
The unburnable bush is begin - ning to bud forth, and the treas - ure house of grace is  
o - ver - flow - ing. It is spread - ing over the rivers of unfruitfulness of the God - wise  
An - na, whom we glo - ri - fy in faith.

**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**

To - day the mystery which has been an - nounced from e - ter - ni - ty, whose depth

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,