## Akathist to Righteous Joachim and Anna

Deacon: Bless, (Most Blessed) Master!

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.



Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

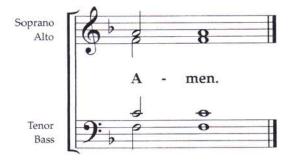
O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.

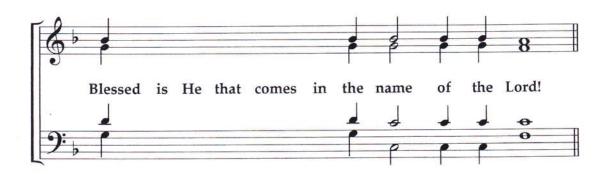
Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



#### God is the Lord

Deacon: In the 4th Tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever!





Deacon: All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I destroyed them.

Choir: God is the Lord...

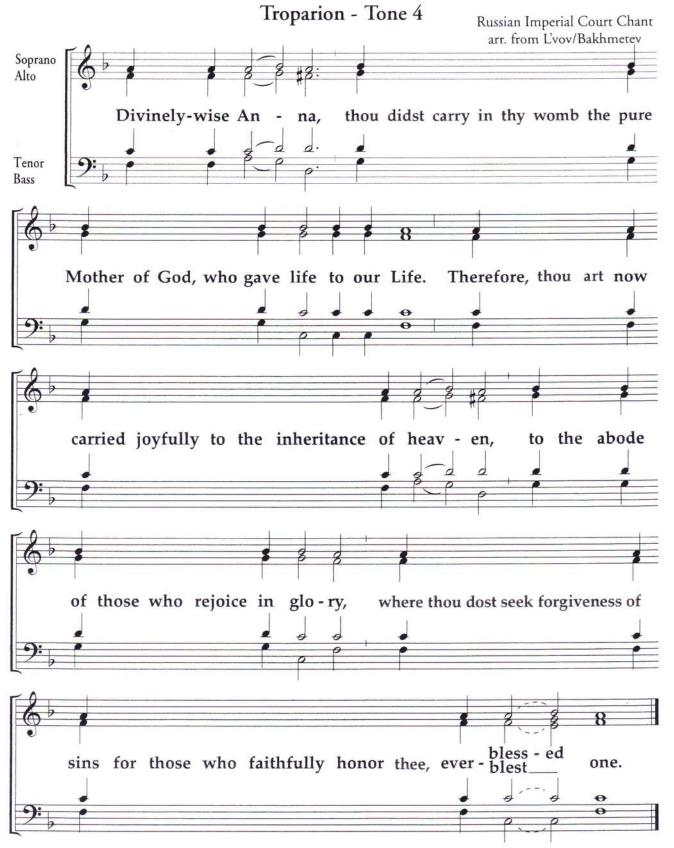
Deacon: I shall not die, but live and recount the works of the Lord.

Choir: God is the Lord...

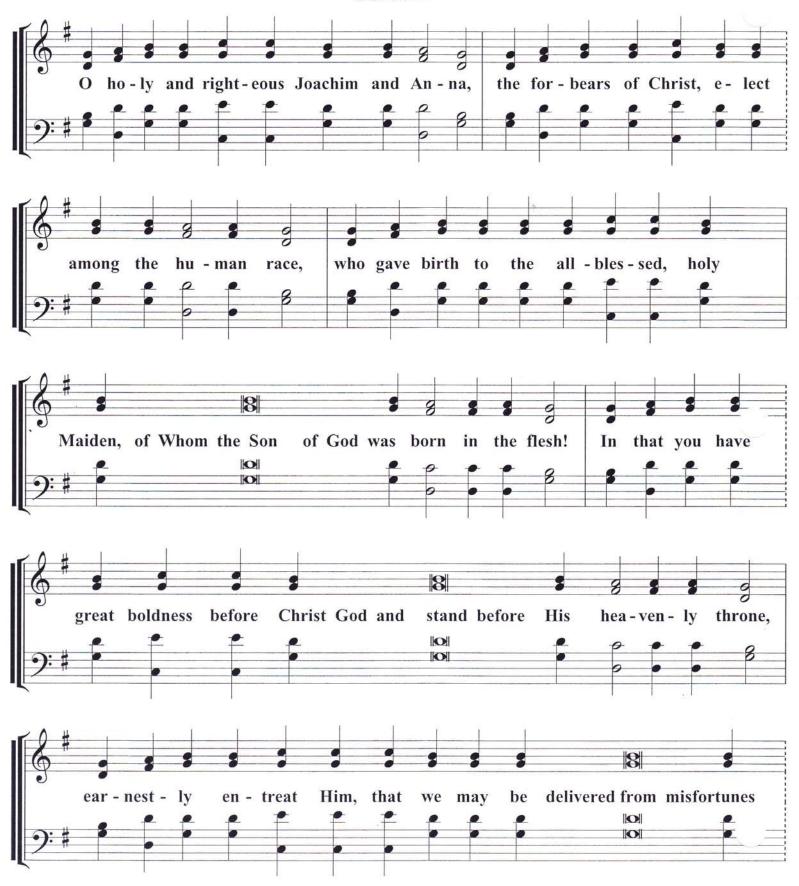
Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Choir: God is the Lord...

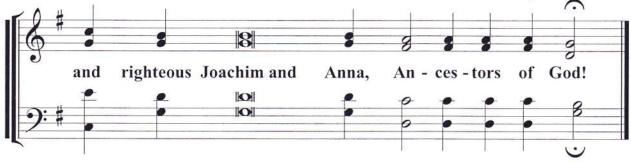
# DORMITION OF THE RIGHTEOUS ANNA, MOTHER OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS



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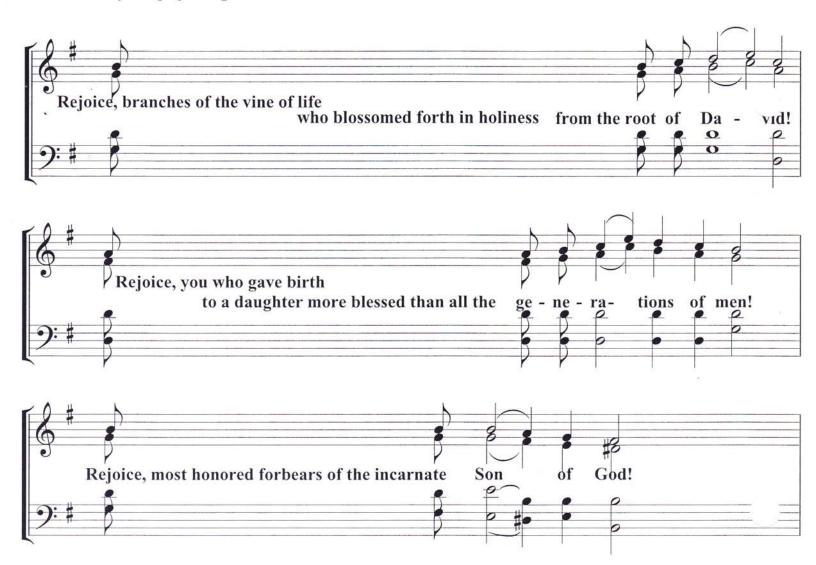


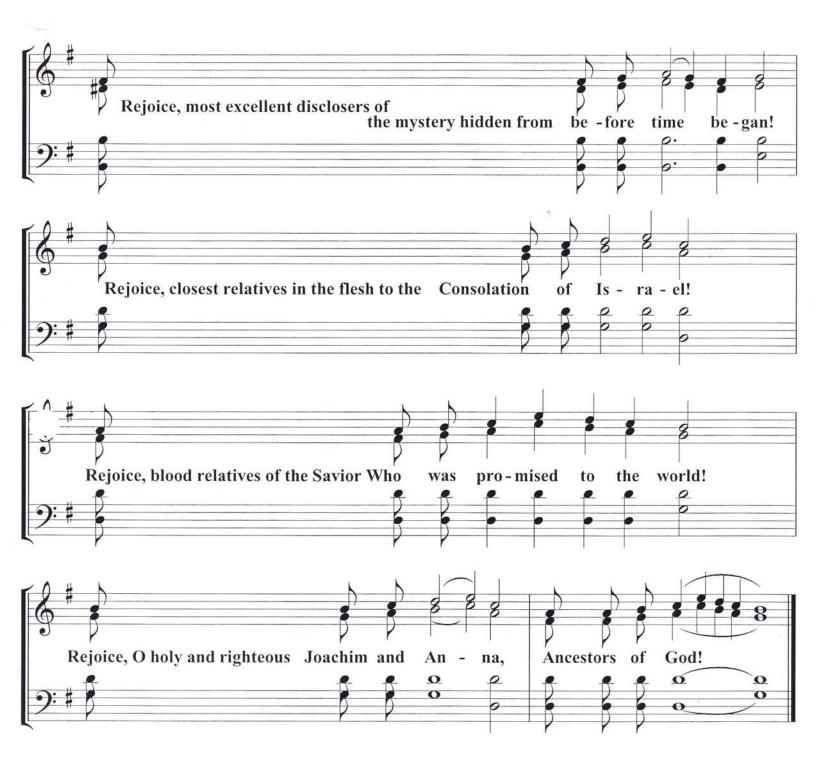




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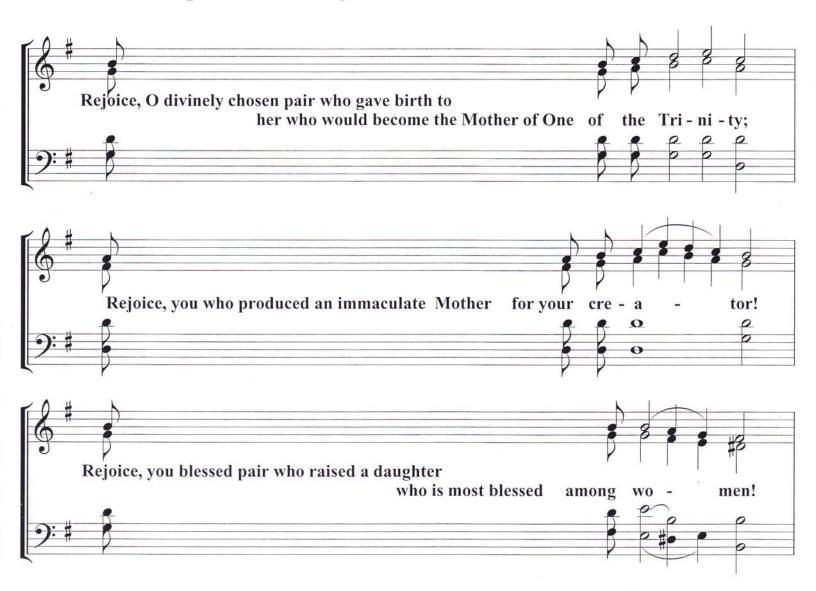
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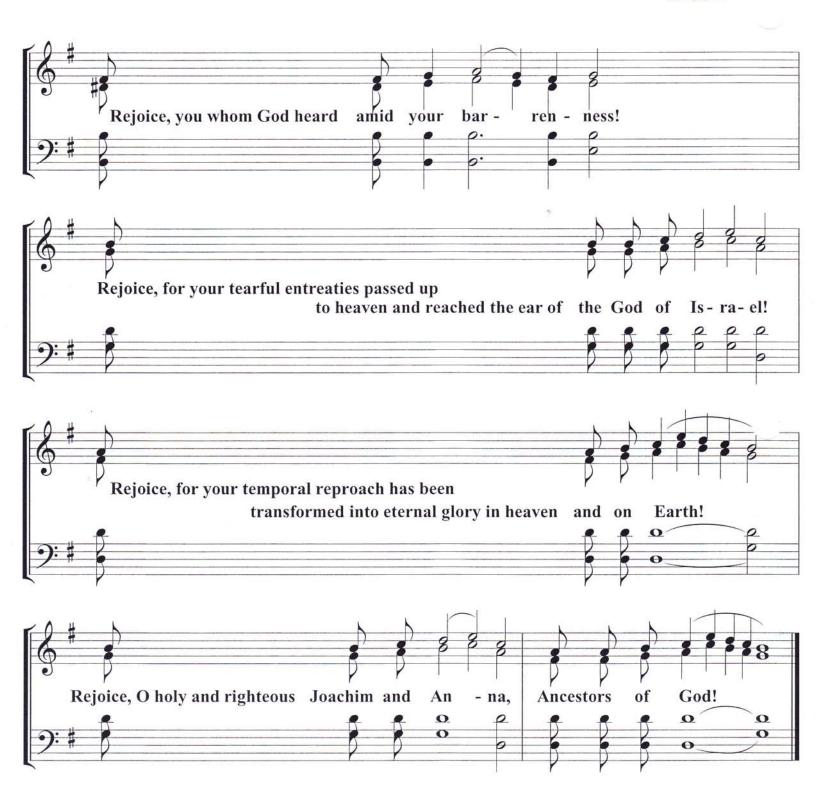
Seeing himself belittled by the high priest in the Temple of Jerusalem because of his lack of children, the holy Joachim was sorely distressed. In bitterness of soul he withdrew to his flocks in the wilderness, and there he offered fervent supplication with tears, that the Lord grant that he might be called father by a child of his own. And thus he added fasting to prayer and in the contrition of his heart cried aloud to God Almighty: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 2

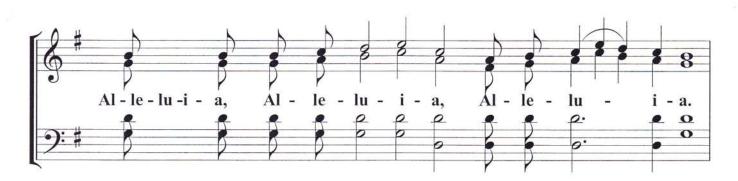
Knowing the extent of her husband's grief, the holy Anna wept bitterly in her house and prayed that the Lord would remove from her the reproach of barrenness. And we, remembering the patience of the righteous ones, cry out:





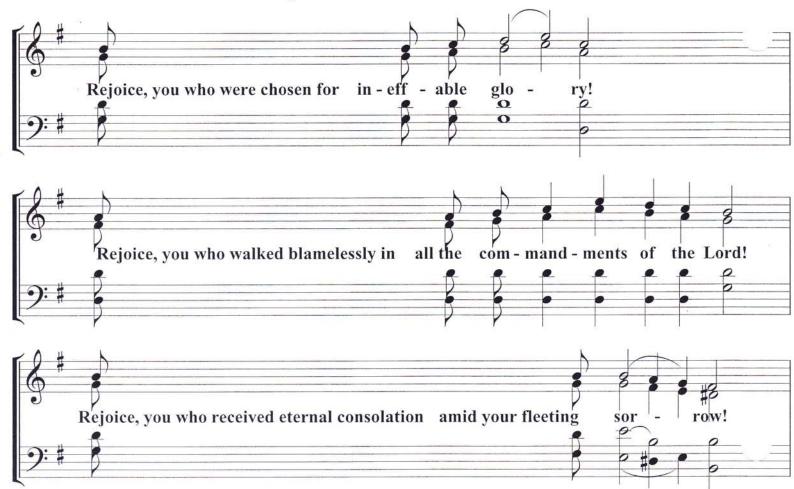
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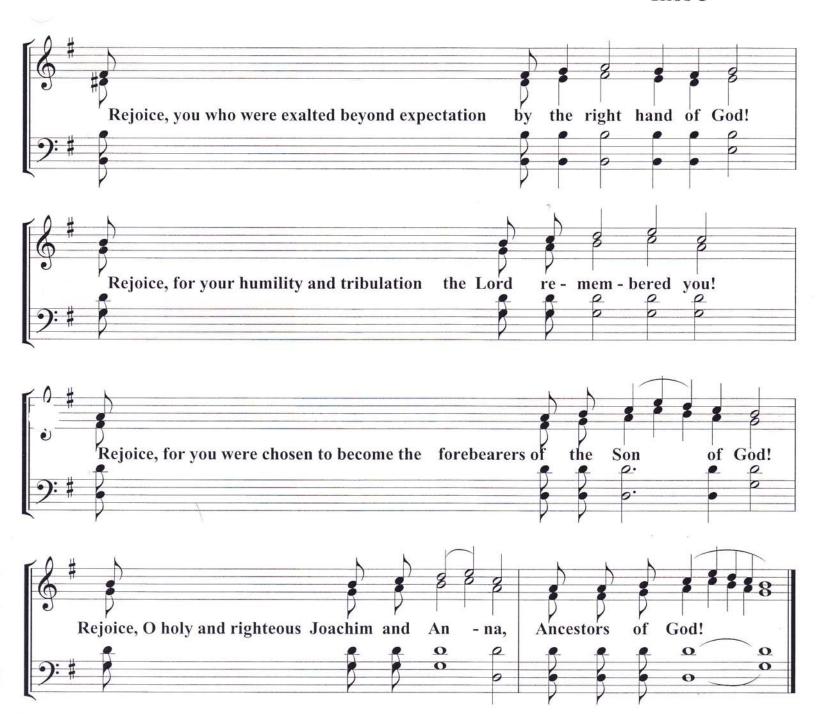
Filled with the power of God, the angel of the Lord appeared to the holy Joachim in the wilderness and said to him, "God has heard your prayer and has been pleased to grant you His grace! Behold, Anna your wife will conceive and bear you a daughter, who will be the joy of the whole world!" And having said these things the incorporeal one commanded him to return to the Temple of Jerusalem, where he would find his spouse praying, that with her he might also chant there the hymn of praise to the God of Israel: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 3

Having great sorrow in your heart, O holy Anna, you entered the garden of your home, where your eye saw little chicks lying in a bird's nest in a tree, and you immediately added supplications to your prayers, that the Lord might permit you to become the mother of a child. And lo!! The angel of the Lord appeared to you, saying: "Your prayer has been heard, your sighs have passed beyond the clouds and your tears have come before God! Behold, you will conceive and bear an all-blessed daughter, in whom all the peoples of the earth will be blessed, and through whom salvation will be given to the whole world! Her name will be Mary!" Mindful of these most angelic tidings, let us chant these things to the ancestors of God:





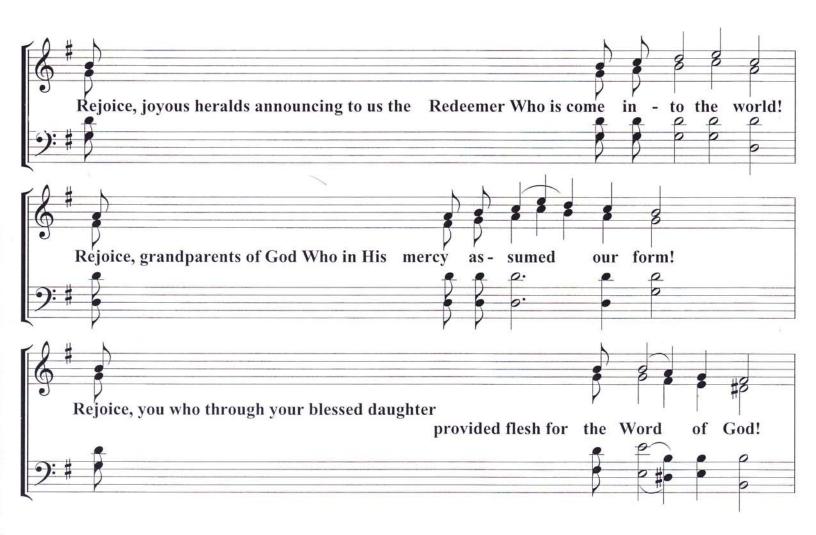
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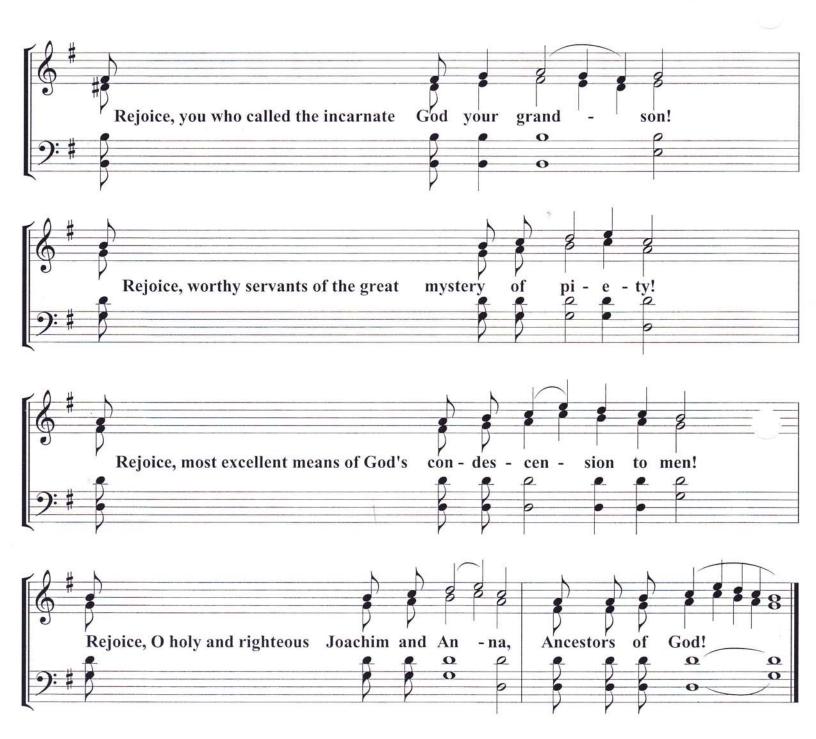
Beset by a storm of doubt and perplexed by the angel's tidings to him, the righteous Joachim immediately set out for the city of Jerusalem, where he found before the gates of the Temple the holy Anna, greatly glorifying the Lord, who declared to him the joy of the angelic appearance and the prediction of her childbirth. Wherefore, when he had told his spouse of his own vision, he cried with her unto the Lord: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 4

When Anna's relatives and friends heard of her all-glorious conceiving, they glorified the God of Israel. And the divinely wise Anna promised the fruit of her womb to the service of God and offered up fervent thanks to the Lord. And singing with splendor the most glorious conception of the holy Maiden Mary, we say unto her blessed parents:





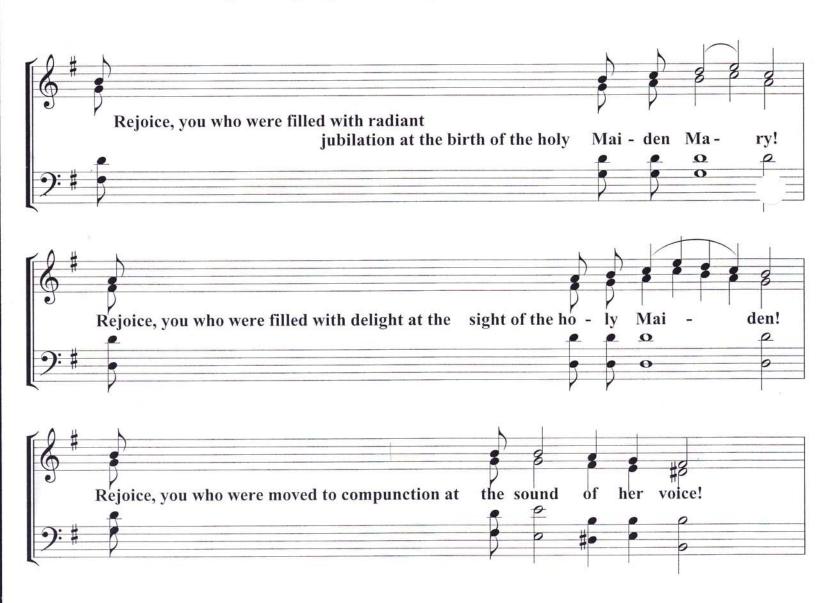
#### Kondak 5

You were chosen to give birth in the flesh to the all-holy Birth-giver of God, the divinely radiant star who showed forth Christ God, the Sun of Righteousness, O most blessed Joachim and Anna, and have received the enviable title of Ancestors of God. At her holy birth heaven and earth rejoiced and the whole human race was sanctified, crying out to the God of Israel Who is wondrous in His Saints: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 5

Looking as parents upon the Mother of the Creator, the holy Maiden Mary who was born of you, you reverently ministered unto her as the ark of God; wherefore, do not turn away from us who fall down before you in prayer and say:





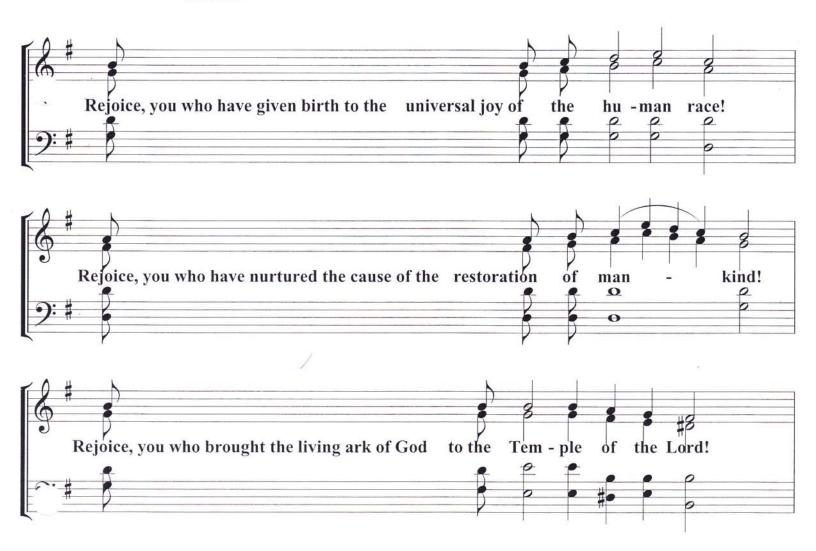
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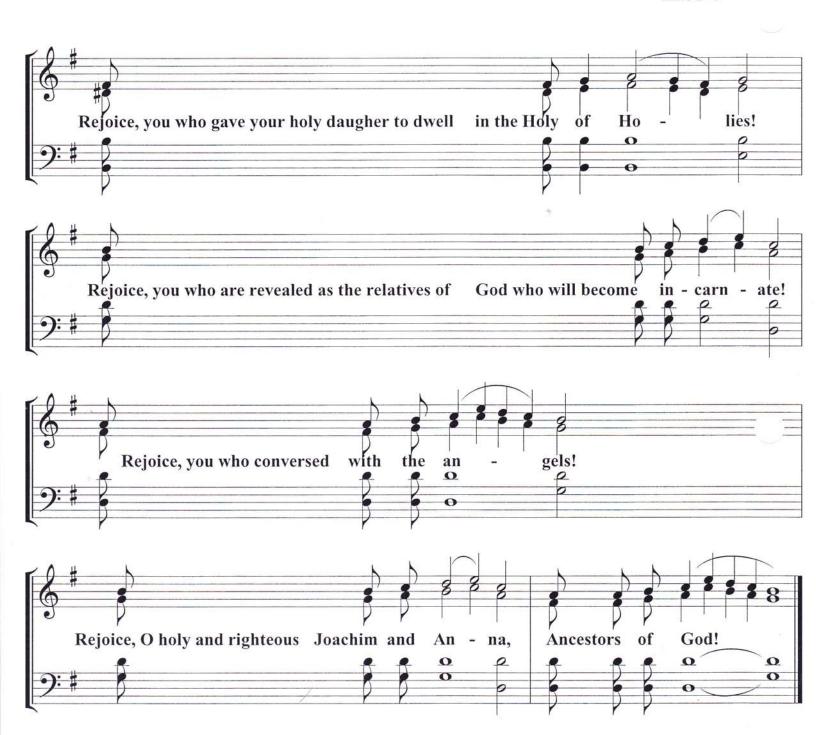
You were shown to be proclaimers of the wonders of God, O Saints, when you fulfilled your vow to God and with glory brought the three-year old holy Maiden Mary to the Temple of God, that she might abide there in the Holy of Holies; and for these things you hastened with joy to chant unto the God of your fathers, the glorification: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 6

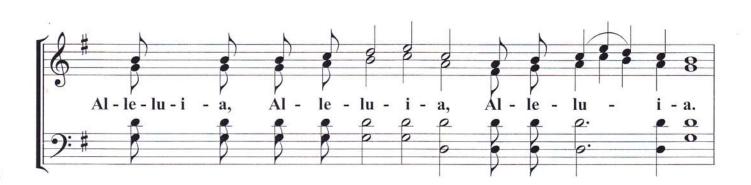
The divine Maiden shown forth like the full moon at her honored entry into the Temple of the Lord and the angels marveled at her beauty. And taking her from your hands, O holy Joachim and Anna, the High Priest Zachariah led her into the Holy of Holies with honor, for she was truly the living ark of God; and he blessed you as is proper with such praises as these:





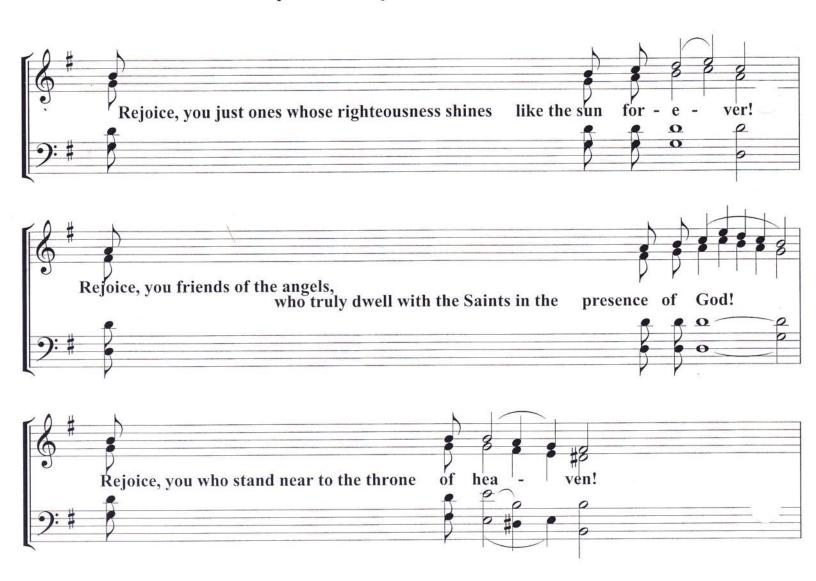
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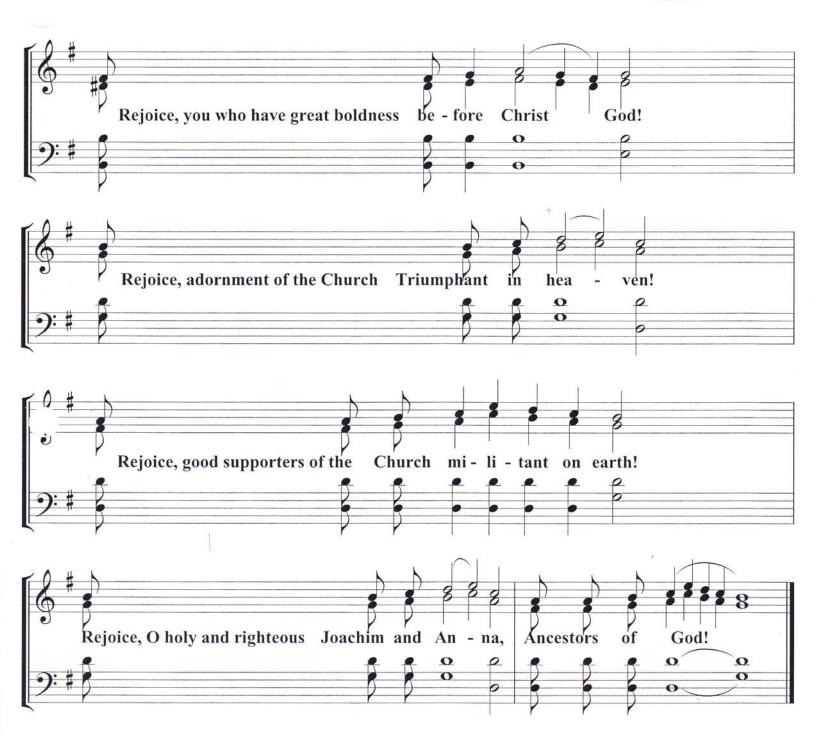
Having fulfilled the desire of your soul and given your promise to God, O all-blessed Joachim, you departed this earthly life in holiness and righteousness, passing on to the Lord. Wherefore, we ask you to petition Him that we also may be counted worthy to receive a peaceful and unashamed end, crying out to Him: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 7

You led a new and God-pleasing life in your widowhood, O holy Anna, abiding at the Temple of God and ministering to your all-blessed daughter, wherefore, we praise you as a true and God-pleasing widow and the grandmother of Christ and with love we fervently honor you and your husband, Joachim the grandfather of God, and offer you such hymns as these:





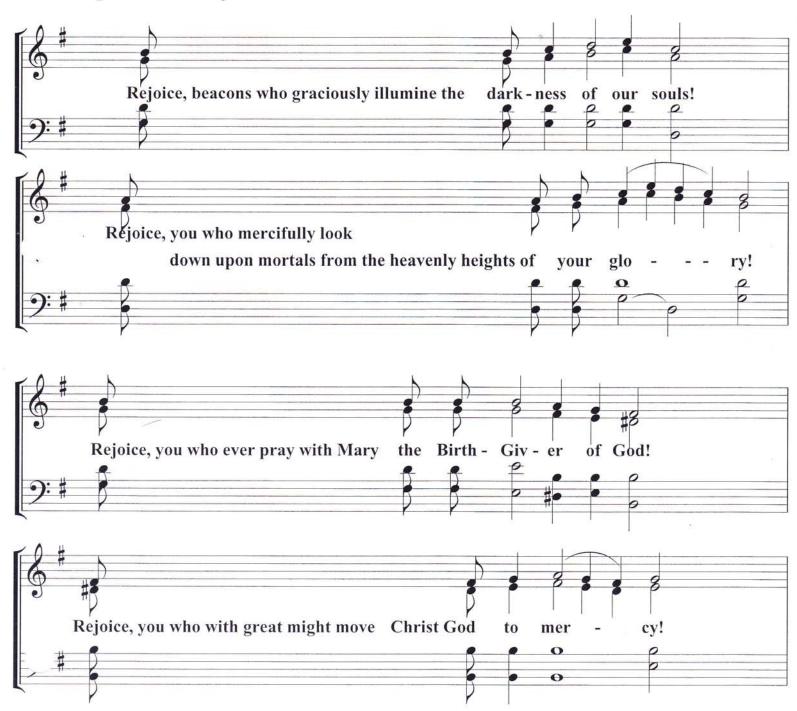
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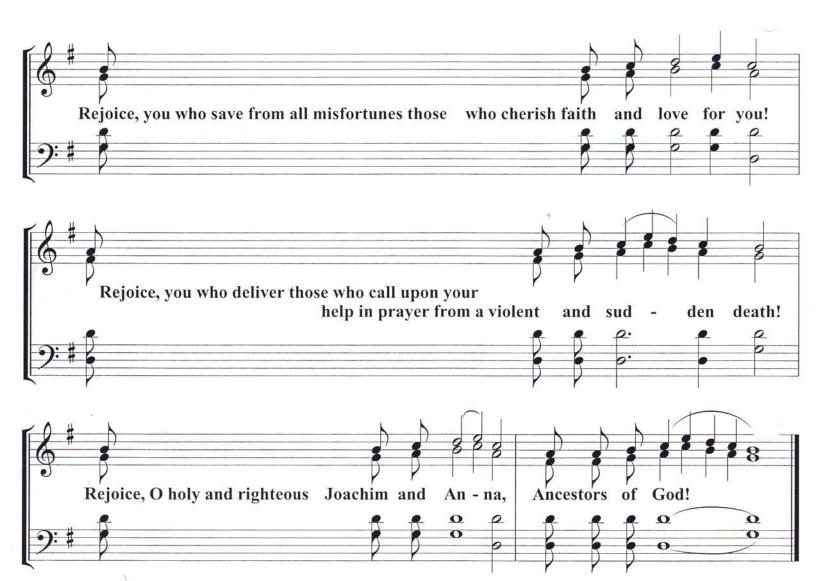
O holy and righteous Anna, having reached the end of your earthly journey, in the arms of your holy daughter, the Birth-giver of God Mary, you slept the sleep of death and were transported unto God with hope; wherefore, glorying your holy dormition, we entreat you, O most honored grandmother of God; When we also begin to fall into the sleep of death, beseech Christ the Savior that our soul may part gently from our body and escape the power of the demons, and that we may be granted eternal salvation, and may cry out to Him in the joy of the Saints: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 8

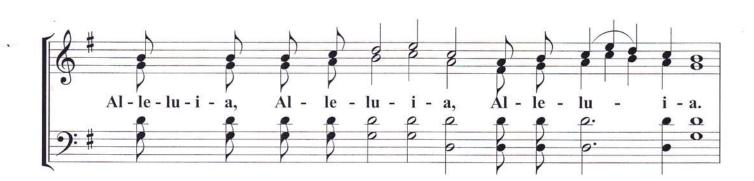
The whole Christian world blesses you as is proper, O holy righteous and ancestors of God Joachim and Anna and in prayer glorifies your honored names. The Church of Christ celebrates your memory with splendor and offers hymns of praises unto you:





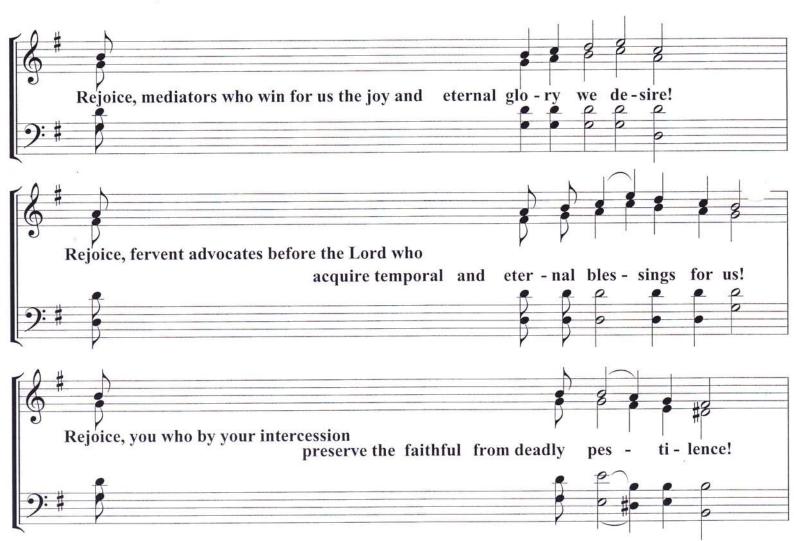
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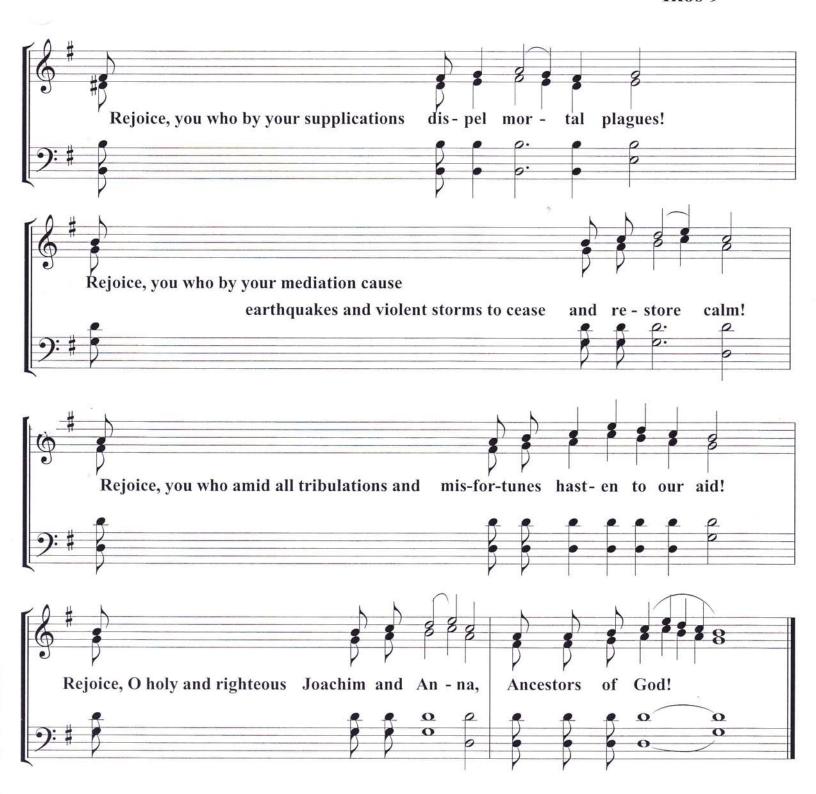
All the angels of God and the choirs of the Saints of God in heaven greet you, O holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, and on earth the generations of men praise you with prayerful hymns and cry out to God in thanksgiving for your intercession: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 9

Our eloquence does not suffice to praise you fittingly, O holy forbears of Christ; yet as you are merciful, do not reject our inadequate praises, but be fervent intercessors and advocates for us before the Lord, fulfilling the deficiency of our souls with your holy supplications, that we may cry out to you this hymn of thanksgiving:





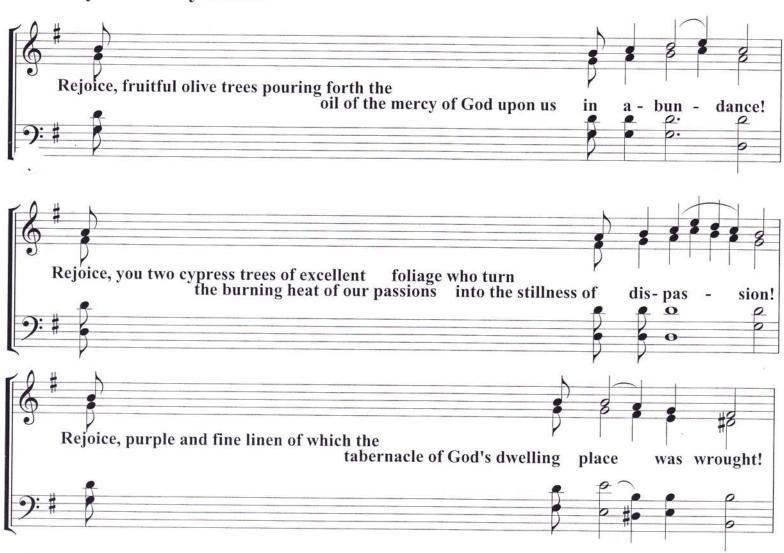
#### Kondak 10

O holy and righetous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, you have shown yourselves to be beneficial helpers of those who desire salvation of soul and diligently strive for this. Being called the guardians of monks and nuns, and offering unto God common supplication for all the faithful, that in thanksgiving into Christ the King of glory, Who has glorified you throughout the world, they all may cry out: Alleluia!



#### Ikos 10

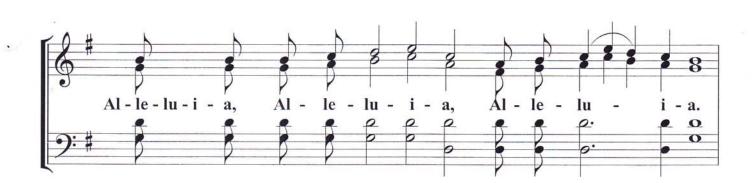
With the bulwark of your prayers, O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, preserve and protect us from the temptations of the diabolical who seeks the destruction of our souls; for we know that your petition before the face of Christ our God, your Grandson according to the flesh, is able to accomplish much. Never cease to make supplications to Him on behalf of all who with love honor you and cry aloud:





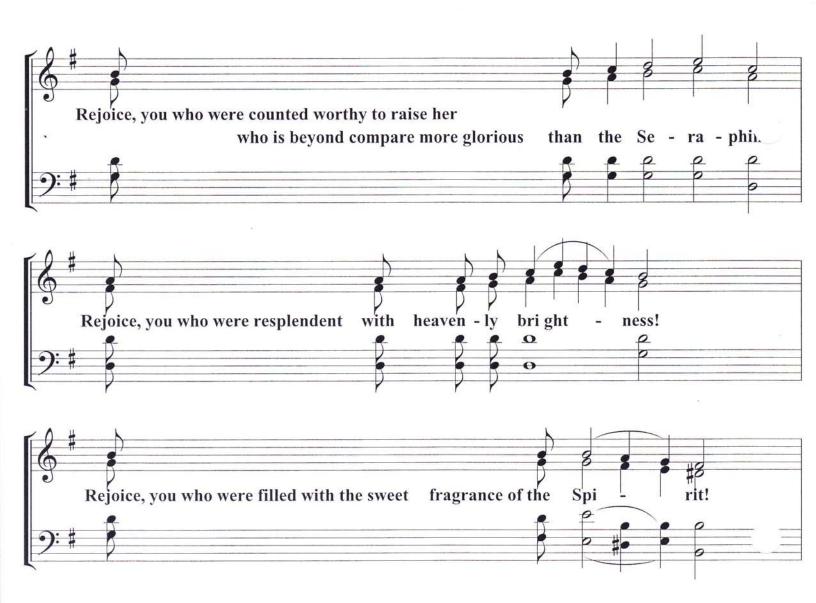
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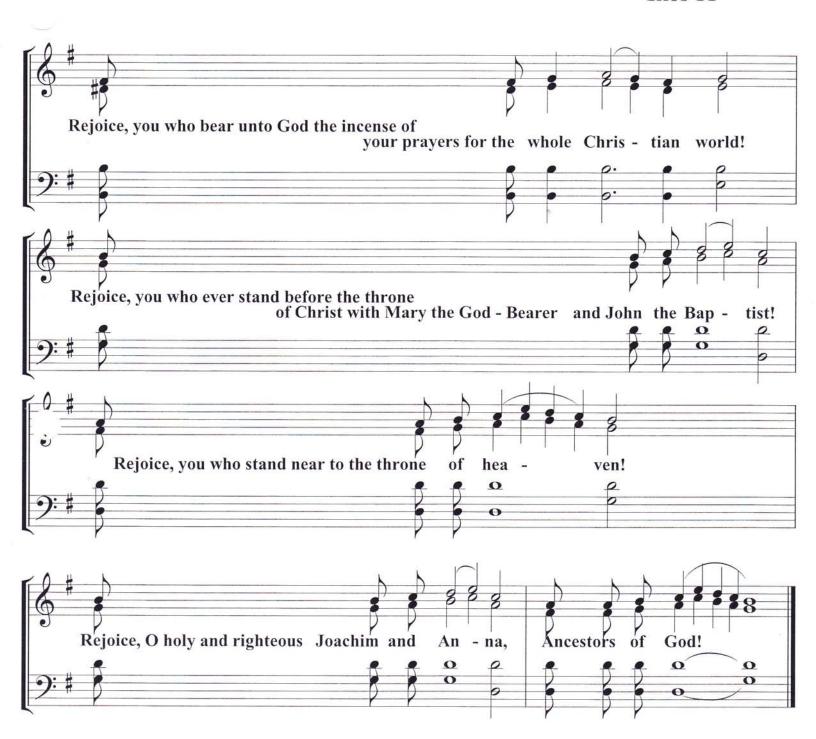
Mercifully accept our hymns of praise and do not deprive us of your compassions, O holy Joachim and Anna, ancestors of Christ; for though we are unworthy of your holy intercessions because of our sins, yet as you are good and full of pity, grant it to us and help us to cleanse ourselves of defilement of sin through repentence, that in purity of heart we may chant unto our Creator the hymn of praise: Alleluia!



### Ikos 11

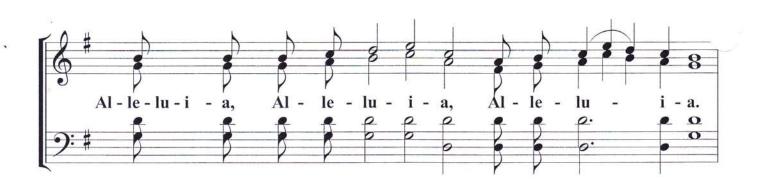
O Brethren, let us recognize the holy ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, as two radiant candles which lit the universal lamp. Illumined with the brightness of their heavenly glory, let us sing to them such words as these:





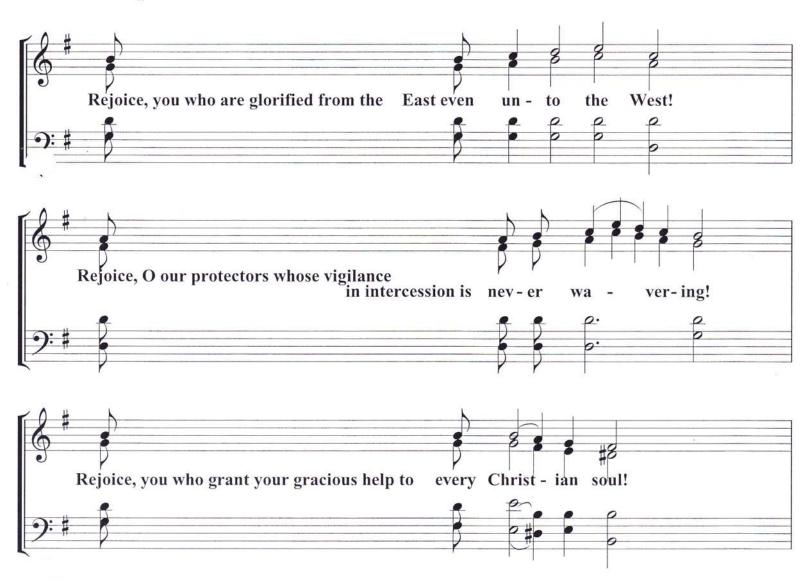
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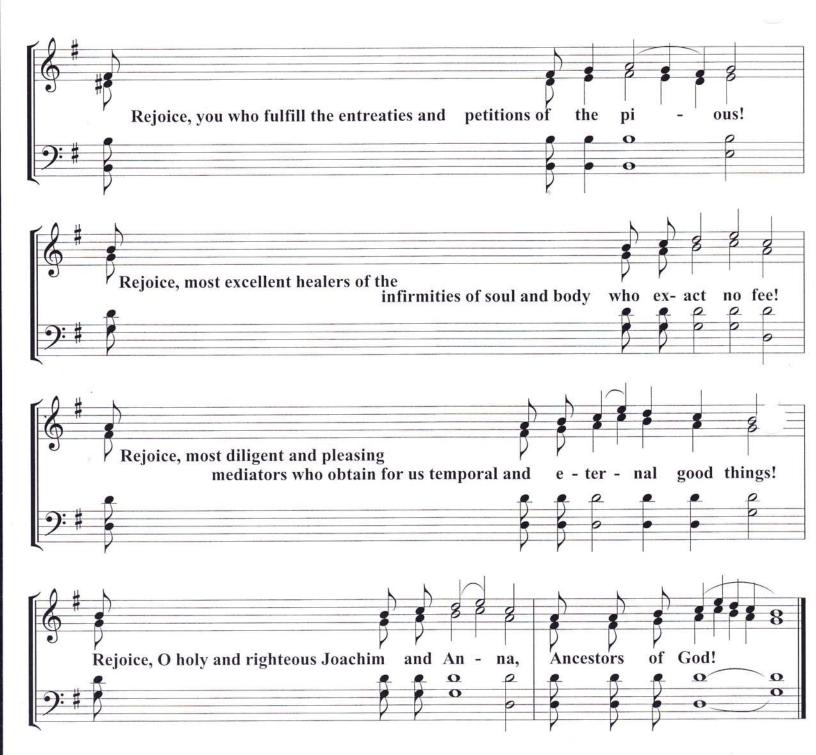
O holy ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, ask the Lord that He grant us divine grace and mercy, forgiveness of sins and correction of life; and never cease to entreat the countenance of Almighty God in our behalf, in that you have acquired great boldness before Him. Falling down before you with fervor for this purpose, we beseech you as our true intercessors and helpers and with real compunction cry out to the Creator of all: Alleluia!



### Ikos 12

Singing of the great might of your intercessions before God, O righteous Joachim and Anna, we magnify Christ the Lord Who has magnified you; we sing also the praises of His all-immaculate Mother who was born of you; and in our zeal we offer you these right fitting praises:





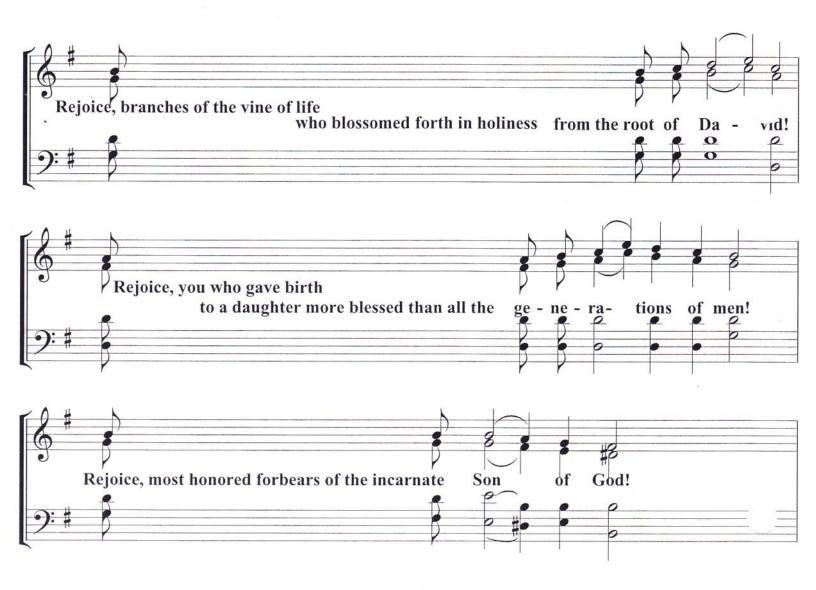
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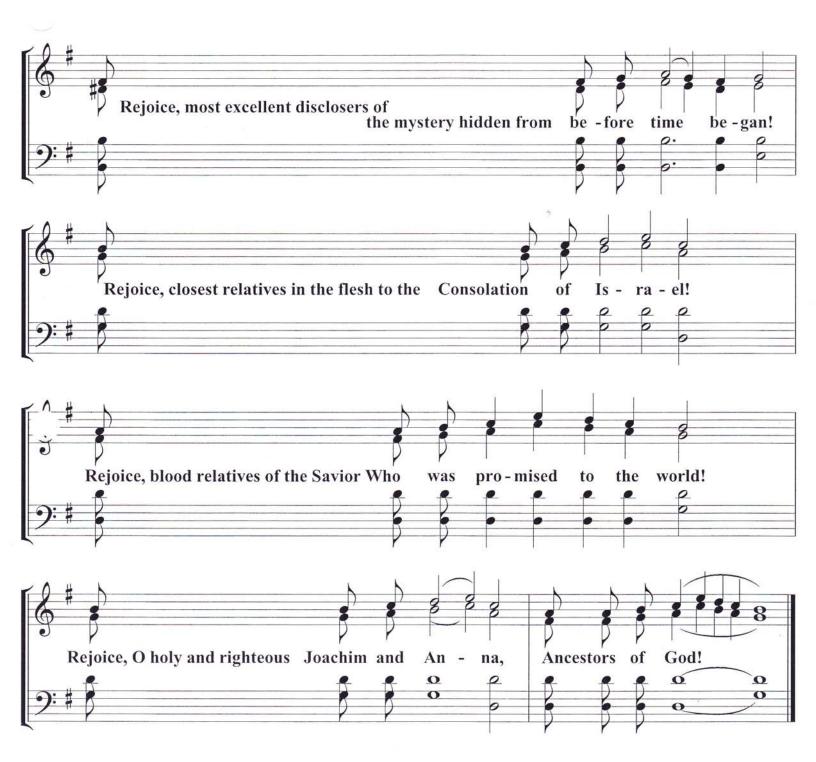
O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna! We entreat you with zeal and love, falling down before the footstool of your feet; we ask that you beseech the Lord God, that He will deliver us from the everlasting damnation prepared for sinners, that, saved by the loving-kindness of our God and aided by your holy prayers, we may sing in thanksgiving to Him the angelic hymn: Alleluia!



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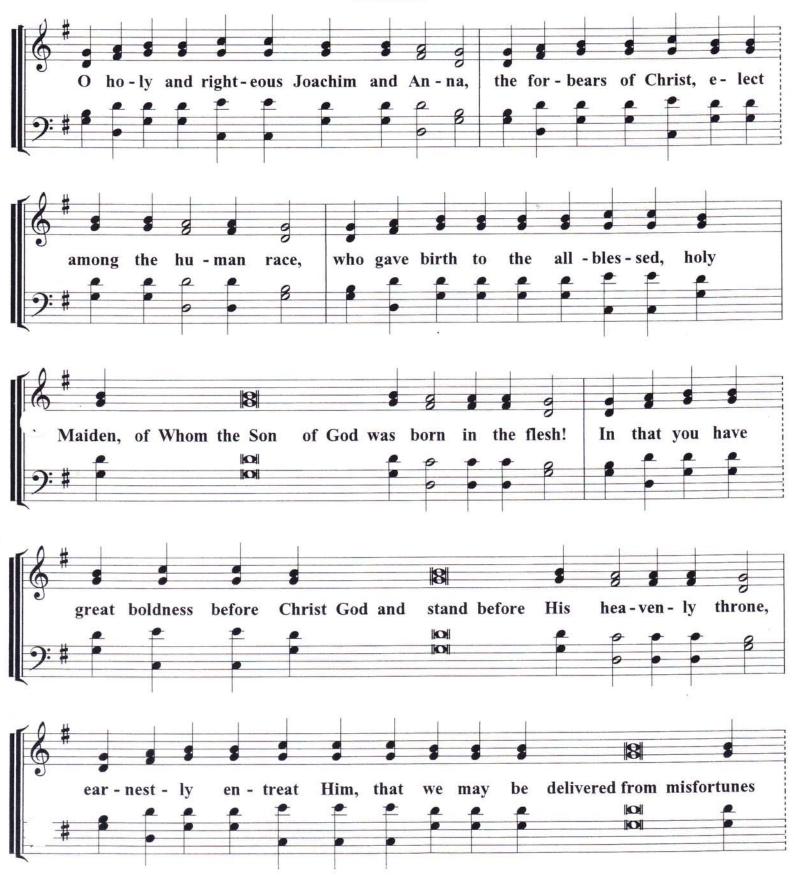


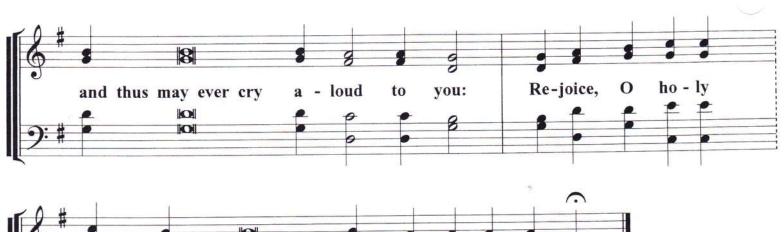


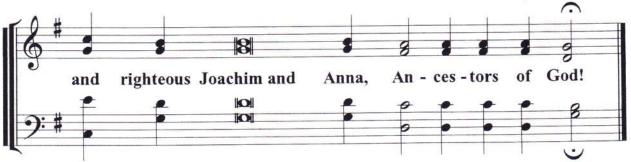
# Prayer To the Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim and Anna

O ever-glorious and righteous forbears of Christ, holy Joachim and Anna who stand before the heavenly throne of the great King and possess boldness before Him; He was well pleased to become incarnate of your all-blessed daughter, the all-pure Birth-giver of God and Ever-virgin Mary. We, the sinful and unworthy, come to you as mighty intercessors and diligent advocates for us. Entreat His goodness, that He turn away His wrath from us, which we deserve because of our deeds and that, overlooking our countless transgressions, He may turn us to the way of repentance and set us firmly upon the path of His commandments. By your supplications preserve our life in peace. Ask that we may be successful in good things. By your intercession, may God grant to us all things necessary for life and piety and may He deliver us from all peril, misfortune and sudden death. May He allow us to live out our lives in peace and tranquility, in all piety and purity. Having thus passed from this transitory life in peace, we may attain unto everlasting rest, where by your holy entreaty, may we be granted the heavenly kingdom of Christ our God, to Whom is due all glory, honor and worship with the Father and the all-Holy spirit, unto the ages of ages.













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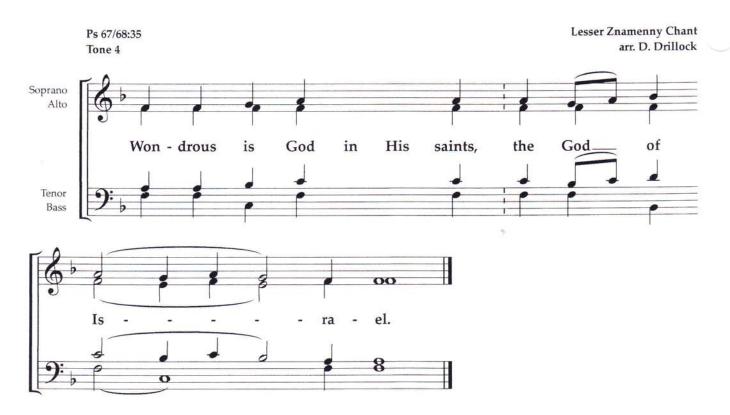
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v: In congregations bless God, the Lord from the wellspring of Israel. ( $Ps\ 67/68:26$ )

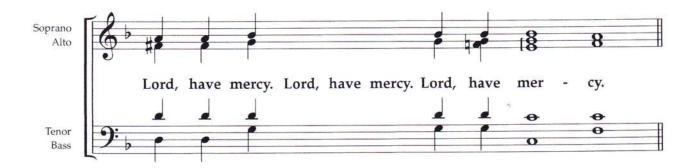
## Let Everything that has Breath



v. Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament! (Ps 150:1)

# At the Gospel

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.



Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

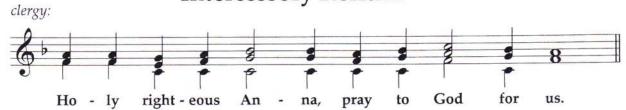


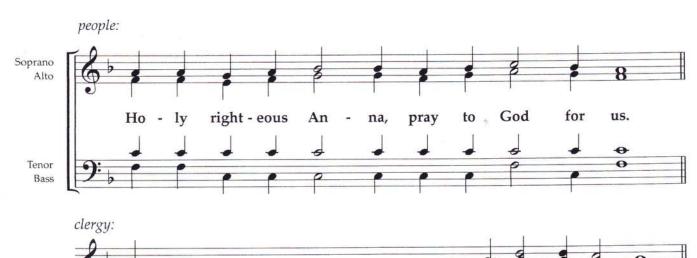
Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



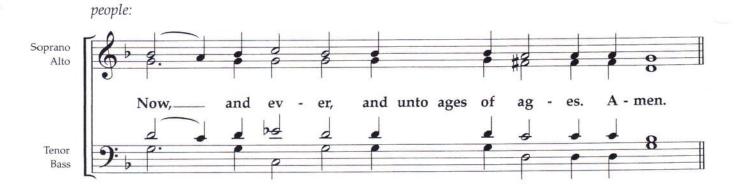
after the Gospel Reading, repeat "Glory to Thee..."



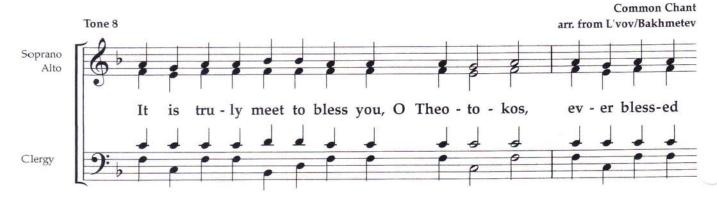




Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

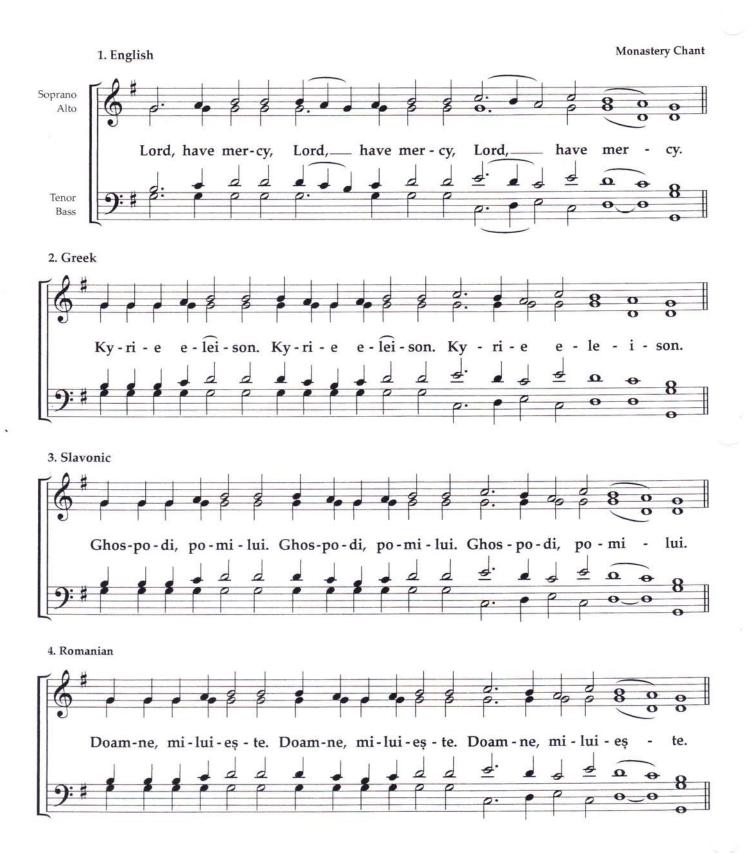


# It Is Truly Meet





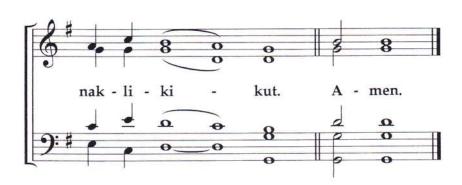
## Litany of Fervent Supplication





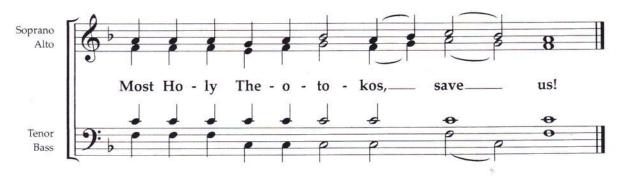
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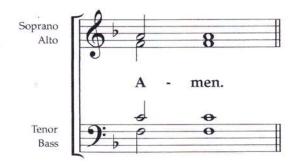


## Intecessory Prayer to the Mother of God

Deacon: Again and again on bended knees let us pray to the Most Holy Theotokos!



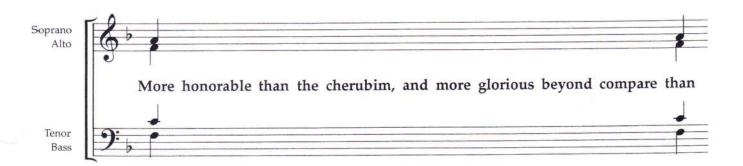
Priest: O Mother of God our queen and our hope, the refuge of the abandoned and the intercessor for those who have gone astray; the joy of all who sorrow and the protectress of the needy; you see our poverty, our affliction and misery. Help us who are weak; feed us who are hungry; intercede for us with your Son and our God and may He deal with us as He pleases. For we have no other hope, no other intercessor, no other consolation except you, O Virgin Theotokos. Protect us beneath your veil, now and ever and unto ages of ages.



### **Dismissal**

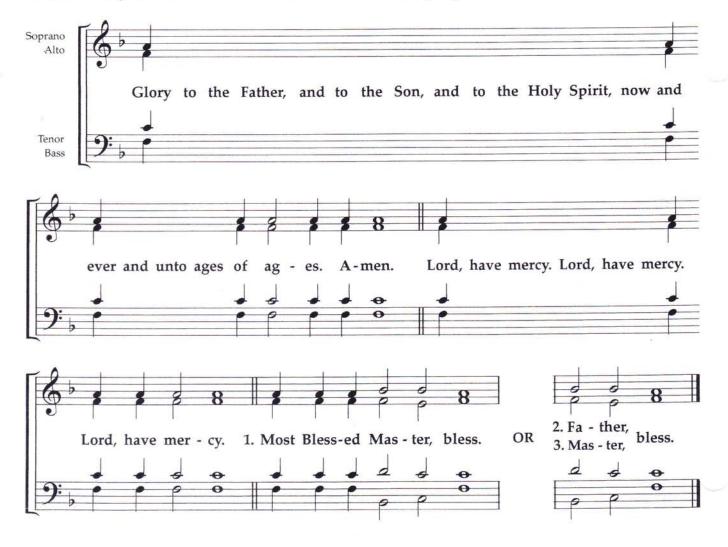
Deacon: Wisdom!

Priest: Most Holy Theotokos, save us!





Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!



Priest: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most pure Mother; of our fathers among the saints Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, the holy confessor Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of North America, John the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco, Nicholas of South Canaan, Bishop of Zhicha, Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn, and Mardarius, Bishop of Libertyville; of the holy hieromartyrs Juvenal of Lake Iliamna, Alexander, and John; of the holy martyr Peter the Aleut of San Francisco; of our venerable fathers Herman the Wonderworker of Alaska and all America, and Sebastian of San Francisco and Jackson; of the holy and righteous priests Alexis of Wilkes-Barre and Minneapolis, and Jacob, enlightener of the native peoples of Alaska; of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.





# Magnification

Nativity of the Theotokos - September 8

