

December 9th

Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef. The notes are in a single melodic line, with various accidentals and phrasing slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into sections by key signatures: E major (first staff), G major (second staff), E major (third staff), D major (fourth staff), E major (fifth staff), G major (sixth staff), E major (seventh staff), D major (eighth staff), E major (ninth staff), and D major (tenth staff). The lyrics are as follows:

1) Hav-ing past hope— borne as fruit the ho - ly Vir - gin,
who shall give birth in the flesh un - to the God of all,
once - bar - ren An - na is ra - di - ant with ju - bi - la - tion,
re - joic - ing, danc - ing, and cry - ing might - i - ly:
All ye tribes of Is - ra - el, re - joice with me to - day,
who have con - ceived, cast - ing off the blame I had when child - less;
the Ben - e - fac - tor hath hear - kened to my prayer,
and in His good - ness, He hath been well pleased
to heal all of the pains of my griev - ing heart

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G

through the pangs of my child - - - birth,

E

- ven as of old He prom - ised me.

12 E

2) He that made wa - ter to well up from a dry — rock

G E

grant - eth now th Ev - er - vir - gin La - dy to thy womb

D

as fruit, O An - na, and it is she from whom the wa - ter

E

of our sal - va - tion — shall is - sue forth for us;

G E

no more dost thou so - journ on th earth as fruit - less earth;

D

thou art es - tranged from re - proach hence - forth, for thou shalt bring forth

E

th earth that bear - eth the Wheat of Life Him - self,

and He shall take **D** a - way ev - 'ry re - proach
 from all mor - tals, as he is well pleased to do,
G through His bow - els of mer - - - cy
E be - ing formed in what was not His own.

²³ **E** 3) The Proph - ets' mys - tic pre - dic - tions find ful - fil - ment,
G for the ho - ly moun - tain is es - tab - lished in the womb;
D the great ma - jes - tic throne of the King is be - ing read - ied;
E and the di - vine _____ lad - der hath been plant - ed firm;
G on th earth, the place where God doth walk hath been pre - pared;

the bush that burned not doth now be - gin to bud and sprout forth

and the myrrh - ves - sel of ho - li - ness doth now

well forth to check the streams of bar - ren - ness

of chaste An - na, th el - dress of god - ly mind;

let us all call her bless - - - ed,

while ex - toll - ing her with fer - vent faith.

To - day have the bonds of bar-ren-ness been loos - ened, God, hav-ing
heard the pray'rs of Jo - a-chim and Anne, prom-ised them__ o - pen - ly that
they__ should give birth a - gainst__ hope to the Maid - en of
God, from whom__ he, thç in - fin - ite One,
was__ to be born, be - com - ing man, com - mand - ing thç
an - gel to shout to her, Hail, O full of grace, the
Lord_____ be with thee._____

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Theotokion

Byzantine Mode 3

Special Melody: *Thou who as God adornest*

Now from a womb once barren,

the Holy Wisdom of our God

doth build Himself a divine house,

the Theotokos Mary;

let us, the world's generations,

as is her due, call her blessed.

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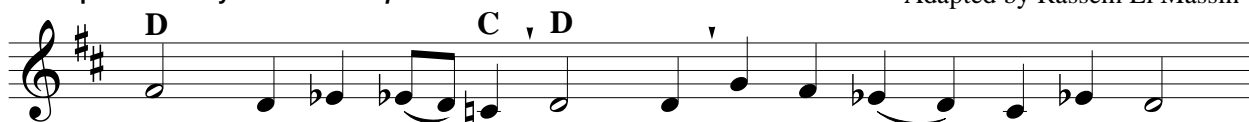
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Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 2

Special melody: *O house of Ephratha*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih



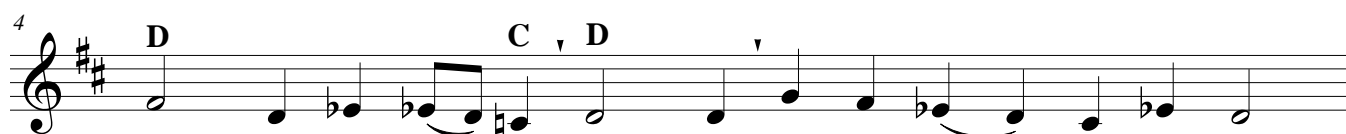
1) Ad - am and Eve, re - joice and put a - side — all sor - row;



for in a bar - ren wom - an, be - yond all hope the



Moth - er of Joy doth bud as — fruit to - day.



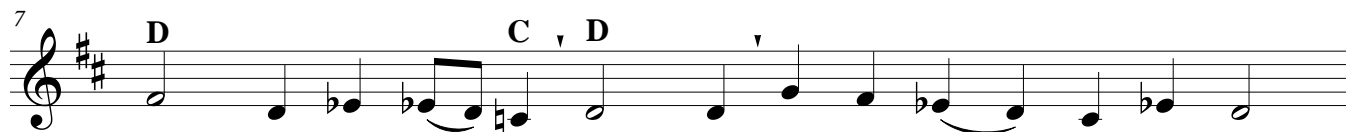
2) Fore - fa - ther A - bra - ham, all Pa - tri - archs — and Fa - thers,



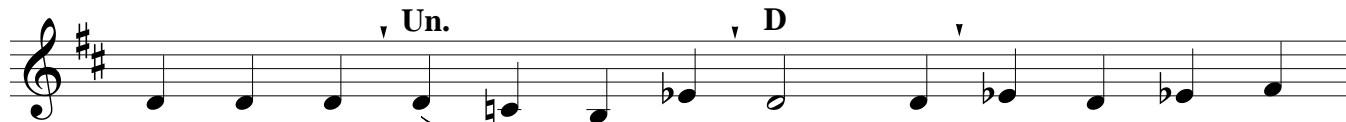
be filled with ju - bi - la - tion on see - ing that the



Moth - er of God doth spring forth from your root.



3) Jo - a - chim, leap for joy; re - joice with him, — O An - na;



for on this day — ye bear fruit that is the cause of



joy — and sal - va - tion for the — world en - tire.

10

D **C** **D**

4) Ye of the Proph-ets' choir, make mer-ry; for, be-hold ye,
 in An-na is be-got-ten a fruit through which your
 proph-e-cies all shall ful-ly come to pass.

13

D **C** **D**

5) O all ye tribes, re-joice with chaste and bar-ren An-na;
 for past all ex-pec-ta-tion, she bear-eth, as the
 fruit of her womb, the cause of life for us.

16

D **C** **D**

6) To, from a fruit-less womb, the Moth-er of the Mak-er
 of all things in cre-a-tion to-day hath been en-
 -gen-dered; be glad, ye ut-most ends of earth.