

Vesper Propers. September 9, 2007

Postfestive day of the Nativity of the Theotokos

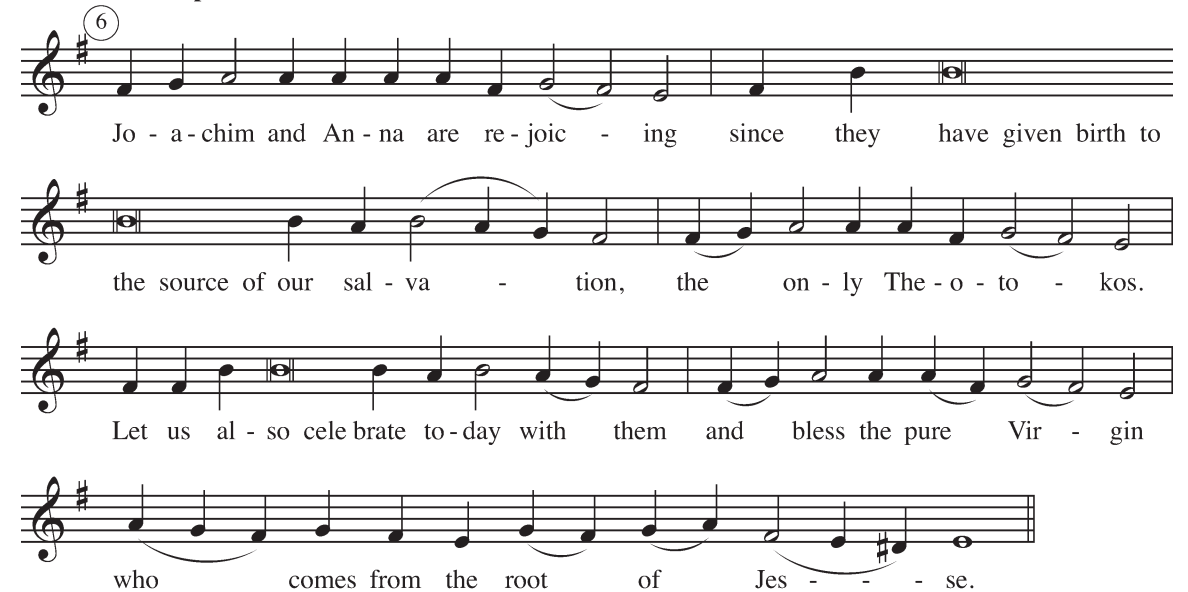
The Synaxis of the holy and just Grandparents of God, Joachim and Anna, parents of Mary the immaculate Virgin mother of God, the names of whom were preserved by the ancient traditions of Christians from the Jews.

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Tone of the Week: Tone 6 (begins on page 82), stichera 10 - 7.

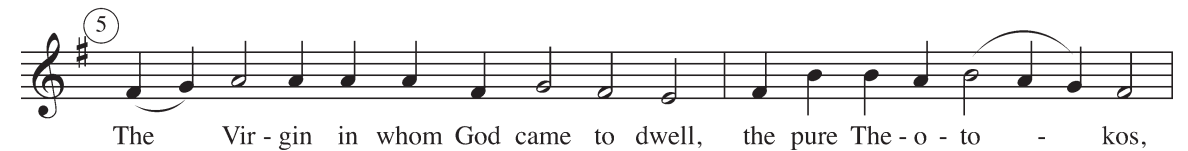
Cantor: (Tone 1) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of the postfeast - Tone 1 samohlasen



Jo - a - chim and An - na are re - joic - ing since they have given birth to
the source of our sal - va - tion, the on - ly The - o - to - kos.
Let us al - so cele brate to - day with them and bless the pure Vir - gin
who comes from the root of Jes - - - se.

Cantor: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



The Vir - gin in whom God came to dwell, the pure The - o - to - kos,

the glo - ry of prophets, and the daugh - ter of Da - vid, is born today of
 Jo - a - chim and An - - - na. She is full of wis - dom. By her birth she
 crush - es the curse of Adam which weighed up - on us.

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

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 She who was bar - ren land gave birth to the fruit - ful earth;
 and af - ter having borne holy fruit from the un - fruit - ful womb,
 she nour - ished it with milk. It is an awe - some mir - a - cle.
 She is the nour - ish - er of our life since she received the Heavenly Bread
 in - to her womb and gave him milk from her breast.

Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

to this ho - ly child for us. The ho - ly Church sol - emnly honors this feast in
 glo - ry and cel - e - brates your pre - cious mem - o - ry to - day. She glo - ri - fies
 God who has lift - ed up our horn of sal - va - tion in the house of Da - vid.

Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Now and ever...

Troparion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4

Your birth, O Vir - gin The - o - to - kos, her - ald - ed joy to the u - ni - verse;
 for from you arose the Sun of Jus - tice, Christ our God. Re - mov - ing the curse, he
 gave the bless - ing, and by de - stroy - ing Death, he grant - ed us e - ter - nal life.

bar-ren loins. From her, Christ our God, the salvation of the world, shines forth.

The ho - ly couple, Joa chim and An - - - na, have been car - ried

to the heav'n - ly a - bode with their daugh - ter, the most pure Vir - gin.

They cel - ebrate with the angels and of - fer pray'rs for the world.

We al - so gather together with them and de - vout - ly sing out: Through the

Maid - en of God, the most pure Mar - y, you have been cho - sen as

grand - par - ents of Christ. We be - seech you to pray for our souls.

Troparion, Tone 6, page 91

Cantor: (Tone 1) Glory...

Troparion of Joachim and Anna - Tone 1

The just cou - ple who lived in a state of grace, Jo - a - chim and An - na, gave birth

Stichera of Joachim and Anna - Tone 4 samohlasen

Come, O lov - ers of feasts, let us now sing and dance. Let us cele - brate in faith

and ven - erate the memory of the precious couple, Joachim and An - na.

For us they gave birth to the Theotokos and pure Vir - gin. Because of her

pu - ri - ty she was tak - en from the earthly to the heaven - ly man - sions.

She now prays for the sal - va - - - tion of all of us.

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

All creation is joyfully being en - riched to - - day, O ev - er praised The - o - to - kos.

It calls to mind the memory of your par - ents, the won - derful Joachim and

the celebrat - ing An - na. They are re - mem - bered be - cause they sought you,

the Joy who blossomed forth the Light. You are the nour-ish-er of our life
and ra - - diant be - yond hope.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.
(on 1)

To - day Anna rejoices through the Spir - it. She hap - pi - ly cel - e-brates
be - cause she obtained the desire of her yearn-ing. She pro-duced the heavenly fruit
of the promise and of the bless - ing, the all-im-mac-u-late Mar - y,
who gave birth to our God. He is the Sun who illumines those sleep - ing in
dark - - - ness.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 5 samohlasen

O bless-ed couple, you sur pass all par-ents be - cause you produced her who is

a - bove all cre - a - tion. You are tru - ly blessed, O Jo - a - chim,
since you are the father of such a maid - en. Bless - ed is your womb, O
gra-cious An - na, since you have brought forth the Moth-er of our life.
Bless-ed are the breasts by which he was nour-ished, he who feeds ev - 'ry liv-ing
crea - ture. We pray to you, O bless - ed ones, en-treat him
to have mer - cy on our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 6, page 87

Aposticha, Tone 6, page 88

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

Doxastikon of Joachim and Anna - Tone 8 samohlasen

The root has blos - somed forth, and the ho - ly Theotokos is born from the