

**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.

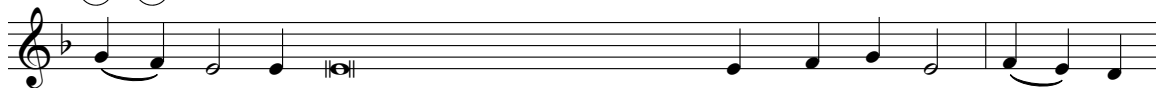
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

(Repeat "The barren Anna...")

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak

(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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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 mercy.

**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!

The say - ings of the prophets are now be - ing ful - filled: the ho - ly moun - tain  
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 city is be - ing a - dorned.  
The un - burn - a - ble 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 un - fruit - ful - ness  
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,



*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**

Musical notation for the Aposticha doxastikon of the maternity of holy Anna. It consists of three staves in D minor (two flats) with a treble clef. The melody is a sequence of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "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 word "of" has a double bar line above it.

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

## 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*