

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*

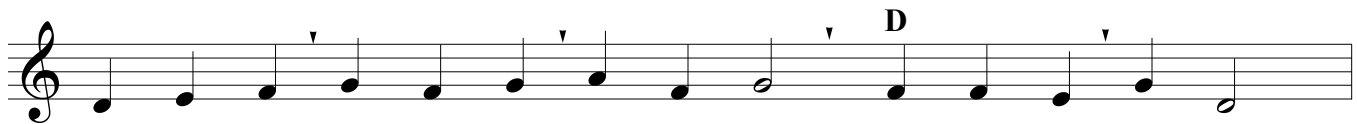
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) Hav - ing past hope___ borne as fruit the ho - ly Vir - gin,
2) He that made wa - ter to well up from a dry___ rock
3) The Proph - ets' mys - tic pre - dic - tions find ful - fil - ment,



who shall give birth in the flesh un - to the God of all,
grant - eth now thē Ev - er - vir - gin La - dy to thy womb
for the ho - ly moun - tain is es - tab - lished in the womb;



once - bar - ren An - na is ra - di - ant with ju - bi - la - tion,
as fruit, O An - na, and it is she from whom the wa - ter
the great ma - jes - tic throne of the King is be - ing read - ied;



re - joic - ing, danc - ing,___ and cry - ing might - i - ly:
of our sal - va - tion shall is - sue forth for us;
and the di - vine___ lad - der hath been plant - ed firm;



All ye tribes of Is - ra - el, re - joice with me to - day,
no more dost thou so - journ on thē earth as fruit - less earth;
on thē earth, the place where God doth walk hath been pre - pared;



who have con - ceived, cast - ing off the blame I had when child - less;
thou art es - tranged from re - proach hence - forth, for thou shalt bring forth
the bush that burned not doth now be - gin to bud and sprout forth

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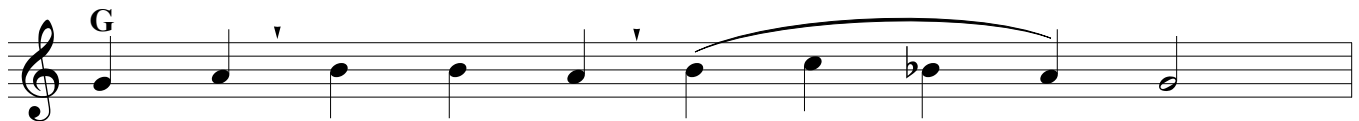
the Ben - e - fac - tor hath hear - kened to my prayer,
thē earth that bear - eth the Wheat of Life Him - self,
 and the myrrh - ves - sel of ho - li - ness doth now



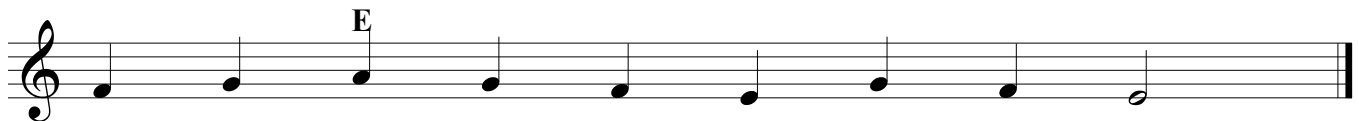
and in His good - ness, He hath been well pleased
and He shall take _____ a - way ev - 'ry re - proach
 well forth to check _____ the streams of bar - ren - ness



to heal all of the pains of my griev - ing heart
from all mor - tals, as he is well pleased to do,
 of chaste An - na, thē el - dress of god - ly mind;



through the pangs of my child - - - birth,
through His bow - els of mer - - - cy
 let us all call her bless - - - ed,



ē - ven as of old He prom - ised me.
be - ing formed in what was not His own.
 while ex - toll - ing her with fer - vent faith.