

July 25th

Dormition of Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) Re - joice, _____ spir - it - ual swal - low, by whom
2) Re - joice, _____ O pair longed af - ter by God,
3) Re - joice _____ thou bless - ed earth _____ that didst cause



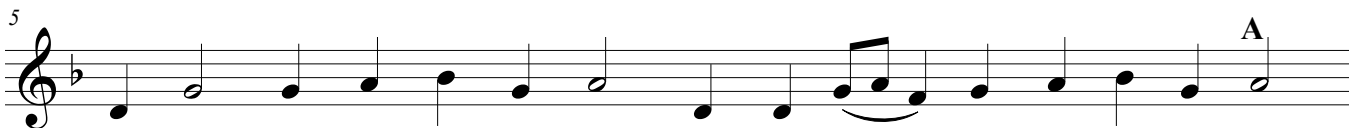
the com - ing of the Spring of Grace was made known to us;
e - lect and cho - sen in the splen - dor of sanc - ti - ty;
the God en - gen - dered branch to blos - som forth for the world;



for liv - ing a - right in chas - ti - ty and a - bove all re - proach,
who, hon - 'ra - ble in the Law, wise - ly made your thought and your ways
un - ceas - ing - ly thou didst med - i - tate in the Law of our God,



thou with ho - ly birth - pangs _____ sa - cred - ly didst bear
to be formed a - new, _____ be - fit - ting grace di - vine;
clear - ly mark - ing out _____ for _____ all the life of grace;

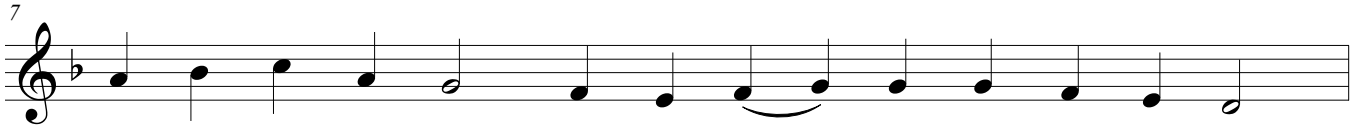


the gem of vir - gin - i - ty, thē all - pure _____ Moth - er of our God;
who gave birth to her that bare Christ, the sole _____ Au - thor of our life,
in child - birth, thou hadst es - caped from the bonds of thy bar - ren - ness,

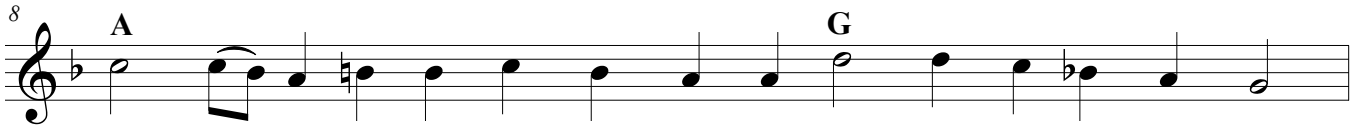


thou hon - ored ewe - lamb that didst bring forth the heif - er who
di - vine - ly cho - sen and di - vine - ly blest Jo - a - chim
and in thy death, thou hast re - quit - ed cor - rup - tion now,

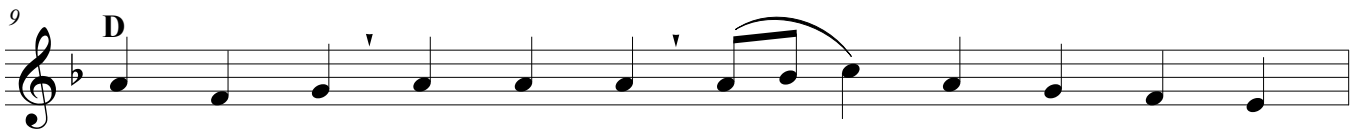
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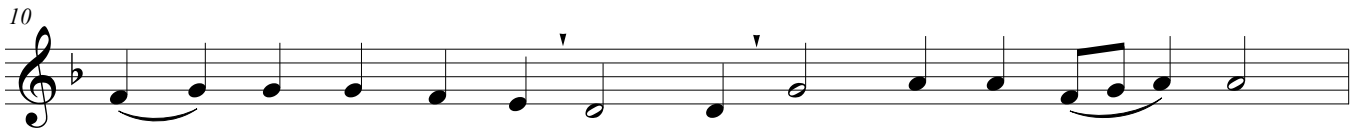
bare the Lamb of God, which doth take the world's sins a - way;
and di - vine - ly loved An - na, *tru - ly all - ven - 'ra - ble.*
 be - ing car - ried hence to the splen - dor and light di - vine.



for she, the on - ly Vir - gin, at a word gave birth to the Word.
Ye are the shin - ing lamps which raised the torch of un - sha - dowed light;
 An - na di - vine - ly blest, thou art the fore - moth - er of Christ God:



O An - na, thou art the fore - moth - er of the
ye who so flour - ished in grace that from you sprang
 the The - o - to - kos, the lamp - stand bear - ing the



Lord, Who trans - lat - ed thee from earth un - to Heav - en;
forth the im - mac - u - late and pure The - o - to - kos;
 Light, was con - ceived of thee: with her, make en - treat - y



now im - plore Him that Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.
with whom pray ye that Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.
 with the Sav - ior that Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.