

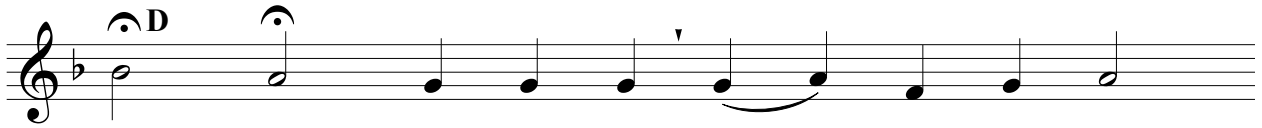
December 9th

Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) An - na, the wor - thy name - sake of grace,
2) An - na the chaste was pray - ing of old,
3) Now doth the hal - lowed yoke - pair bring forth



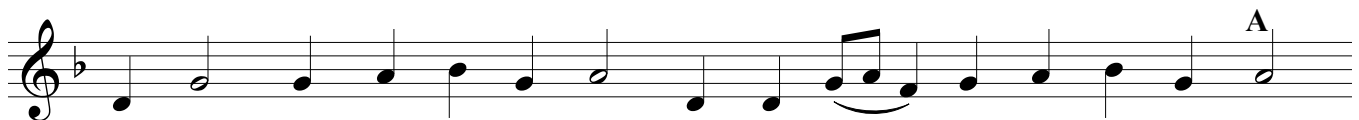
as she was pray - ing for a child, cried a - loud to God,
and while en - treat - ing God with firm and un - doubt - ing faith,
the god - ly heif - er, whence shall come forth the Fat - ted Calf



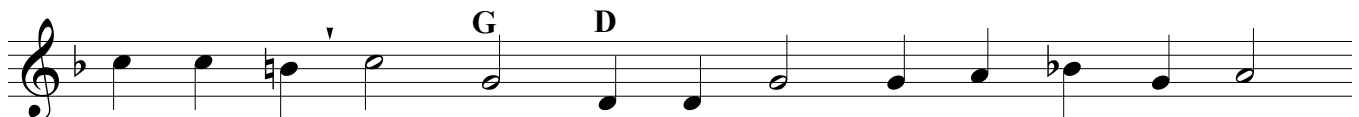
the Mak - er and Lord of all things: O Ad - o - nai Sab - a - oth,
she heard the voice of an An - gel that gave as - sur - ance to her,
in - ef - fa - bly in a mar - vel; and He shall free - ly be slain



Thou well know - est what re - proach the child - less bear;
prom - is - ing di - vine ful - fil - ment of her prayers;
tru - ly for the whole world as a sac - ri - fice.

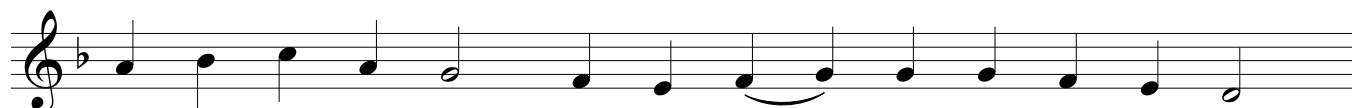


do Thou then Thy - self dis - pel the great sor - row with - in my heart,
the bod - i - less min - is - ter then de - clared to her o - pen - ly:
For which cause, with joy - ful hearts they both of - fer un - ceas - ing thanks



and do Thou o - pen wide the flood - gates that bar my womb;
Thy sup - pli - ca - tion is come nigh and hath reached the Lord;
in great com - punc - tion to the Mas - ter and God of all,

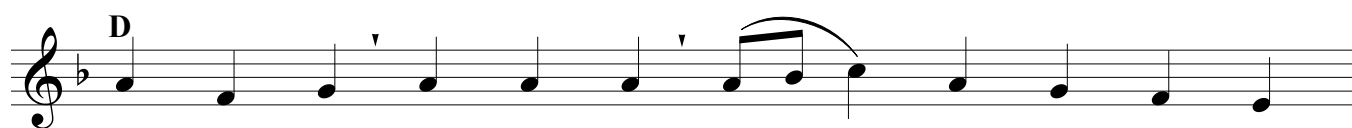
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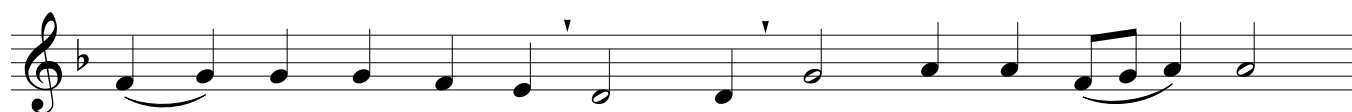
her that hath no fruit, do Thou show forth as bear - ing fruit,
put a - way thy tears; be not down - cast nor sor - row - ful.
 and from this day forth they have all the world in their debt.



that we might bring the child which shall be born as a gift to Thee,
For thou shalt truly be a fruit - ful ol - ive tree put - ting forth
 Let us then call them bless - ed, and with faith, dance for god - ly joy



e - ven while bless - ing and prais - ing and glo - ri -
a come - ly branch, e - ven Mar - y, the Vir - gin
 on thē all - hal - lowed con - cep - tion of her that



- fy - ing with one ac - cord Thy ten - der com - pas - sion,
who shall bear in the flesh Christ Je - sus, the Flow - er,
 chaste - ly was born of them: our God's Vir - gin Moth - er,



where - by par - don and great mer - cy is grant - ed to the world.
Who be - stow - eth His great mer - cy and peace up - on the world.
 e - ven her through whom great mer - cy is rich - ly giv - en forth.