March 25th
THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS
Megalynarion: Hymn to the Theotokos (B)

Allegretto \( \frac{1}{108} \)
Based on Byzantine Tone 4
Magnification

Dr. Frederick Karam
(1926-1978)

Pro-claim, *O_ earth, the glad tidings of great joy, ___

and ye heavens, praise the glory of God. ___

Heirmos of the 9th Ode

Since thou art a living temple of God, ___

Theotokos, no impure hand shall touch thee,
but let the lips of believers praise thee,

and cry joyfully unto thee forever

more with the voice of the angel: "Hail, thou who art

full of grace, the Lord is with Thee!"

*Karam's original music had the words "Receive, O earth," but the Dept. of Translations has asked us to use the word "Proclaim" instead, giving the phrase a more proper understanding. They also asked us to change "Hail" to "Rejoice;" however this impacts the music much more, and would require a rewrite of the music.