

March 25th

THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS
Megalyrnarion: Hymn to the Theotokos (B)

Allegretto ♩ 108
Based on Byzantine Tone 4
Magnification

Dr. Frederick Karam
(1926-1978)

mf Pro-claim,* O earth, the glad ti-dings of great joy,

and ye heav - ens, praise the glo - ry of God.

Heirmos of the 9th Ode

mp Since thou art a liv - ing tem - ple of God, *mf* O

The - o - to - kos, no im-pure hand shall touch thee,

but let the lips of be - liev - ers praise thee,

and cry joy - ful - ly un - to thee for - ev - er -

more with the voice of the an - gel: "Hail,* thou who art

full of grace, *dolce* 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.*