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) Rejoice, spiritual swallow, by whom
   the coming of the Spring of Grace was made known to us;

2) for living a-right in chastity and above all reproach,

3) thou with holy birth pangs sacredly didst bear
   the gem of virginity, the all-pure Mother of our God;

4) thou honored ewe lamb that didst bring forth the heifer who

5) bare the Lamb of God, which doth take the world's sins away;

6) for she, the only Virgin, at a word gave birth to the Word.

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O Anna, thou art the foremother of the Lord, Who translated thee from earth unto Heaven; now implore Him that Great Mercy be granted to our souls.

2) Rejoice, O pair longed after by God, elect and chosen in the splendor of sanctity; who, honorable in the Law, wisely made your thoughts and your ways to be formed anew, befitting grace divine; who gave birth to her that bare Christ, the sole Author of our life, divinely chosen and divinely blest Joachim.
and divinely loved Anna, truly all venerable.

Ye are the shining lamps which raised the torch of unshadowed light;

ye who so flourished in grace that from you sprang forth the immaculate and pure Theotokos;

with whom pray ye that Great Mercy be granted to our souls.

3) Rejoice thou blessed earth that didst cause the God generated branch to blossom forth for the world;

unceasingly thou didst meditate in the Law of our God,

clearly marking out for all the life of grace;

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in child-birth, thou hadst escaped from the bonds of thy barrenness,
and in thy death, thou hast requited corruption now,
being carried hence to the splendor and light divine.

Anna divinely blest, thou art the foremother of Christ God:
the Theotokos, the lampstand bearing the
Light, was conceived of thee: with her, make entreaty
with the Savior that Great Mercy be granted to our souls.