

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 the com - ing of the Spring of Grace was made known to us;

3 for liv - ing a - right in chas - ti - ty and a - bove all re-proach,

4 thou with ho - ly birth - pangs _____ sa - cred - ly didst bear

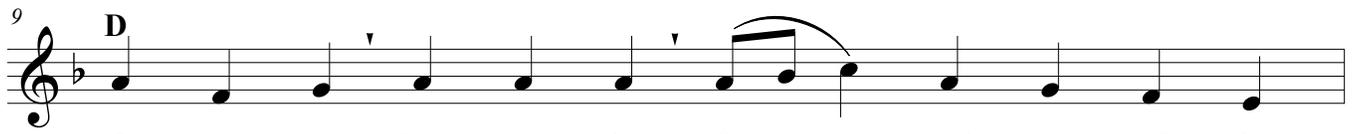
5 the gem of vir - gin - i - ty, thē all - pure _____ Moth - er of our God;

6 thou hon - ored ewe - lamb that didst bring forth the heif - er who

7 bare the Lamb of God, which doth take _____ the world's sins a - way;

8 for she, the on - ly Vir - gin, at a word gave birth to the Word.

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9 **D**

 O An - na, thou art the fore - moth - er of the

10

 Lord, — Who trans - lat - ed thee from earth un - to Heav - en;

11

 now im - plore Him that Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.

12 **D**

 2) Re - joice, — O pair longed af - ter by God,

13 **A**

 e - lect and cho - sen in the splen - dor of sanc - ti - ty;

14 **G** **D**

 who, hon - 'ra - ble in the Law, wise - ly made your thoughts and your ways

15

 to be formed a - new, — be - fit - ting grace di - vine;

16 **A**

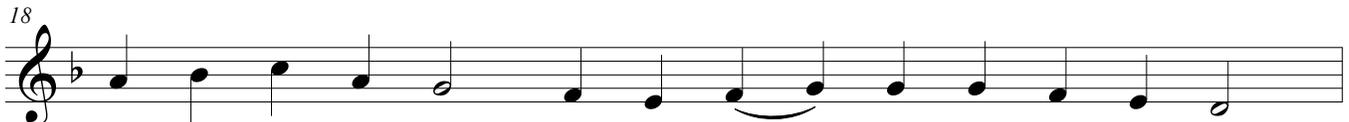
 who gave birth to her that bare Christ, the sole — Au - thor of our life,

17 **G** **D**

 di - vine - ly cho - sen and di - vine - ly blest Jo - a - chim

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18



and di - vine - ly loved An - na, tru - ly all - ven - 'ra - ble.

19

A G



Ye are the shin - ing lamps which raised the torch of un - sha - dowed light;

20

D



ye who so flour - ished in grace ___ that from you sprang

21



forth ___ thē im - mac - u - late and pure The - o - to - kos;

22



with whom pray ye that Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.

23

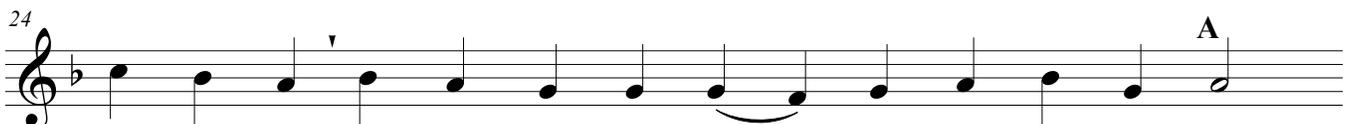
D



3) Re - joice ___ thou bless - ed earth ___ that didst cause

24

A



the God en - gen - dered branch to blos - som forth for the world;

25

G D



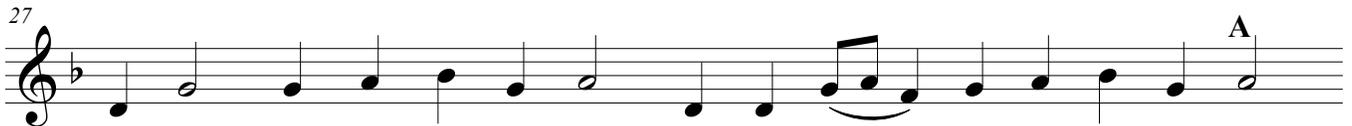
un - ceas - ing - ly thou didst med - i - tate in the Law of our God,

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clear - ly mark - ing out ___ for ___ all the life of grace;

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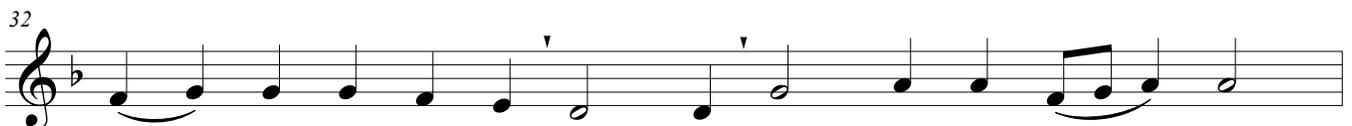
27  A
in child - birth, thou hadst es - caped from the bonds of thy bar - ren - ness,

28  G D
and in thy death, thou hast re - quit - ed cor - rup - tion now,

29 
be - ing car - ried hence to the splen - dor and light di - vine.

30  A G
An - na_ di - vine - ly blest, thou art the fore - moth - er of Christ God:

31  D
the The - o - to - kos, the lamp - stand bear - ing the

32 
Light, was con - ceived of thee: with her, make en - treat - y

33 
with the Sav - ior that Great Mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.