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Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna

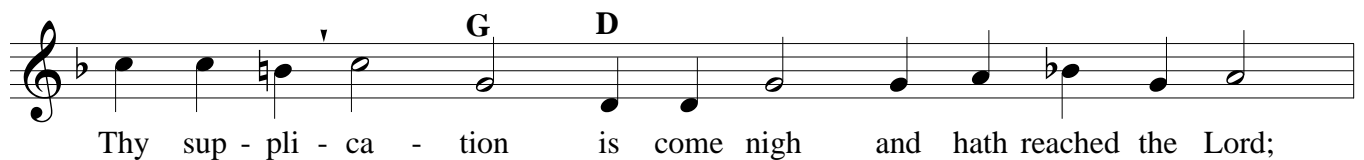
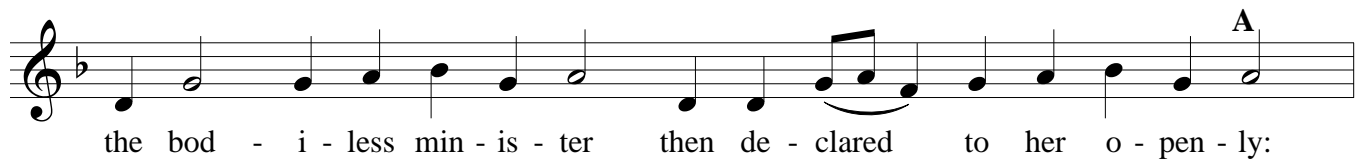
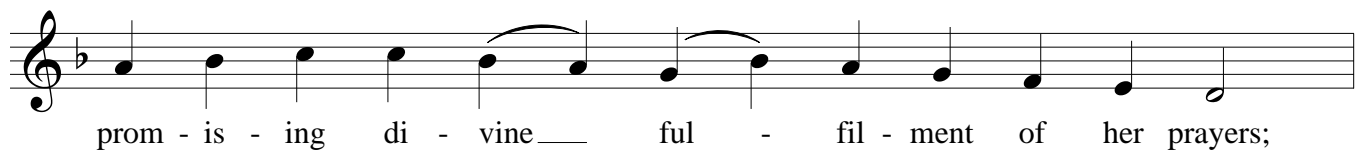
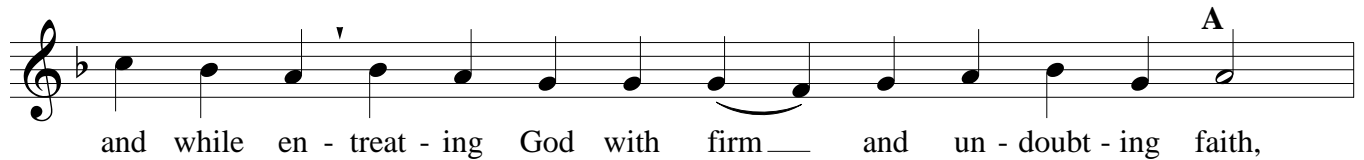
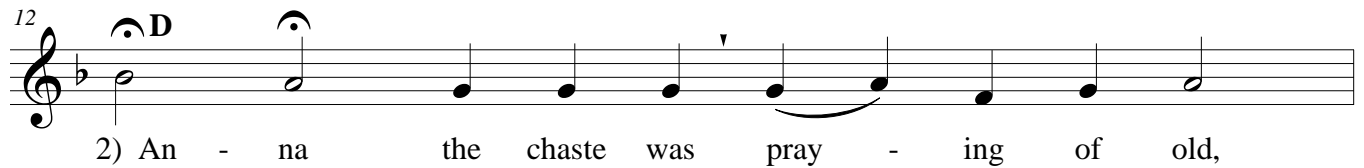
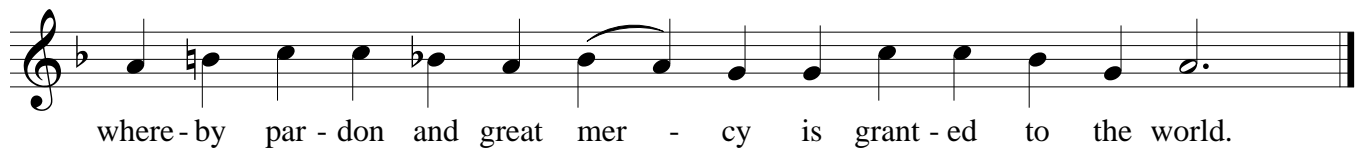
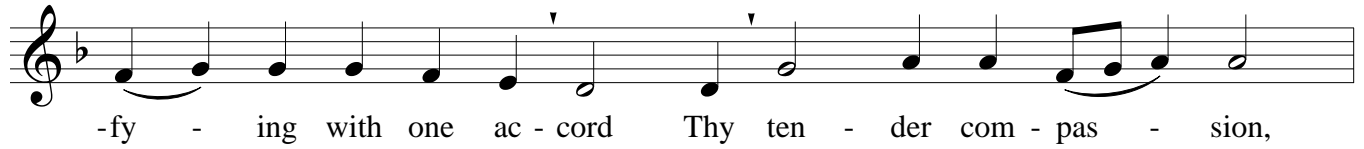
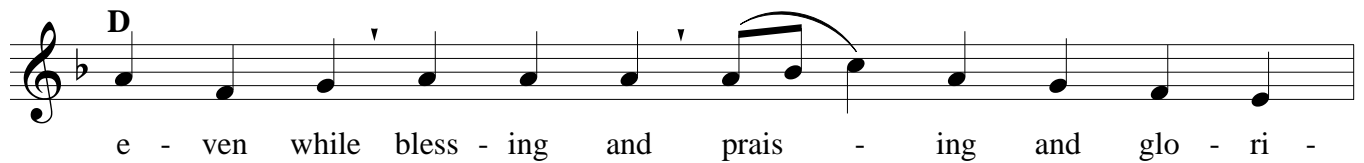
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: *Rejoice*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) An - na, the wor - thy name - sake of grace,
as she was pray - ing for a child, cried a - loud to God,
the Mak - er and Lord of all things: O Ad - o - nai Sab - a - oth,
Thou well know - est what re - proach the child - less bear;
do Thou then Thy - self dis - pel the great sor - row with - in my heart,
and do Thou o - pen wide the flood - gates that bar my womb;
her that hath no fruit, do Thou show forth as bear - ing fruit,
that we might bring the child which shall be born as a gift to Thee,

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put a - way thy tears; be not down - cast nor sor - row - ful.

For thou shalt tru - ly be a fruit - ful ol - ive tree put - ting forth

a come - ly branch, e - ven Mar - y, the Vir - gin

who shall bear in the flesh Christ Je - sus, the Flow - er,

Who be - stow - eth His great mer - cy and peace up - on the world.

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3) Now doth the hal - lowed yoke - pair bring forth

the god - ly heif - er, whence shall come forth the Fat - ted Calf

in - ef - fa - bly in a mar - vel; and He shall free - ly be slain

tru - ly for the whole world as a sac - ri - fice.

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