July 25th

Dormition of Righteous Anna, Mother of the Theotokos
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried" (1-3)

1) While celebrating the memory of Christ's ancestors, those bright with joy, the holy Joachim and blest Anna, we glorify without cease in mystical songs the compassionate Lord of all, Who showed them forth as unwav'ring and swiftly heard intercessors that we may be saved.

2) The woman formerly barren, who made to blossom forth the first-fruits of salvation for our race is on this day translated to the yonder life,

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pray­ing to Christ to grant par­don of tres­pass­es
and the for­give­ness of fail­ings to all who now
praise and wor­ship Him with faith and love.

3) Lau­ding the just on their mem­'ry, we sing Thy praise, O Christ, Who from this tran­sient life here hast now
trans­lat­ed An­na won­drous­ly to life with­out end and di­vine, see­ing she is the moth­er of the The­o­to­kos and vir­gin­al Moth­er who bare Thee seed­less­ly past na­ture's bounds.

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4) To a brightly beam-ing fest-i-val and a day of splen-dor,

bring-ing joy to all the world: the praise-wor-thy and au-gust fall-

ing a sleep to-day of An-na the glo-ri-ous,

from whom was born she that chaste-ly con-ceived our Life, the liv-

ing ark, who con-tained the un-con-tain-a-ble Word, God Om-

nip-o-tent; she by whom faint hearts are strength-en-ed; she who me-

di-

at eth joy; she who grant-eth Great Mer-cy un-to

all the faith-ful flock of Christ.

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Byzantine Chant Tone 1
Special Melody: O strange wonder

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5) O strange wonder! she that had conceived in a wondrous manner the pure Maid, the fount of Life and her alone is blest among all womenkind, now Anna the glorious, hath been conveyed from this temporal life below to life which shall never end, and she is raised from the earth to the Heaven's heights, where, with all the hosts of Angels, she rejoiceth on this day; and we also now brightly celebrate her holy festival.
6) All we choirs of faithful on this day in the Holy Spirit

with all godly reverence observe the most joyful feast of

thine august repose; for unto us it is come

shining like lightning with graces that heal all ills; it burneth

the evil hordes of unclean spirits that lurk in the lower air; and, O wonder-worthy Anna, it doth guide with

light the hearts of those faithfully praising thine all-

ven'ra'ble translation hence.