September 9th

The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God Joachim & Anna

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: Unto them that fear thee

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Ye that love the feasts, come, let us form a choir singing

songs of joy, and with faith let us keep the feast, re-

vering the mem'ry of Joa-chim and Ana-na,

that most sacred couple, since they gave birth in our behalf

to the pure Virgin, the Mother of our God; and

hence from all things temporal they were conveyed to a

dwell-ing-place that abideth in endless life,

im-por-tun-ing that we be saved.
2) On this day of joy, O Theotokos, who art ex-
tolled of all, all creation hath great delight, ob-
serving with one accord this yearly remem-

brance of thy sacred parents, the famed and wondrous Joa-

chim and hallowed Anna; for they became the cause of

universal joy when, past all expectation, they

brought thee forth flashing lightning-like with the Light

as the nourisher of our life.

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3) Filled with jubilation, Anna in the spirit doth leap today, while rejoicing exultantly; for she hath obtained the prize which she long had yearned for, even to bear children; for as the godly fruit brought forth of the Lord's promise and blessing, she hath borne the blameless Virgin Mary, who herself gave birth unto God for us, and hath made the Sun shine on them that were slumbering in the dark.