

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*

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The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases marked with a 'Un.' (unison) and others with a 'G' (G-clef). The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score is divided into eight lines of music, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The first line of music starts with a '1)' indicating the beginning of the first verse. The final line of music ends with a double bar line.

E Un. E

1) Ye that love the feasts, come, let us form a choir sing - ing

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

G E

- ver - ing the mem - 'ry of Jo - a - chim and An - na,

that most sa - cred cou - ple, since they gave birth in our be - half

to the pure Vir - gin, the Moth - er of our God; and

hence from all things tem - po - ral they were con - veyed to a

G E

dwell - ing - place that a - bid - eth in end - less life,

im - por - tun - ing that we be saved.

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E Un. E

2) On this day of joy, O The - o - to - kos, who art ex -

-tolled of all, all cre - a - tion hath great de - light, ob -

G E

-serv - ing with one ac - cord this year - ly re - mem - brance

of thy sa - cred par - ents, the famed and won - drous Jo - a - chim

and hal - lowed An - na; for they be - came the cause of

ū - ni - ver - sal joy when, past all ex - pec - ta - tion, they

G E

brought thee forth flash - ing light - ning - like with the Light

as the nour - ish - er of our life.

E Un. E

3) Filled with ju - bi - la - tion, An - na in the spir - it doth

leap to - day, while re - joic - ing ex - ul - tant - ly; for

G E

she hath ob - tained the prize which she long had yearned for,

e - ven to bear chil - dren; for as the god - ly fruit brought forth

of the Lord's prom - ise and bless - ing, she hath borne the

blame - less Vir - gin Mar - y, who her - self gave birth un - to

G E

God for us, and hath made the Sun shine on them

that were slum - ber - ing in the dark.