

Matins (tone 3) Eothinon 6 The Conception of Anna

Priest: Blessed is our God always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen

Priest: Glory to thee, our God, glory to thee.

O Heavenly King, O Comforter, the Spirit of truth, who art in all places and fillest all things; Treasury of good things and Giver of life; Come and dwell in us and cleanse us from every stain, and save our souls, gracious Lord.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

All holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our iniquities. Holy God, visit and heal our infirmities for thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us

our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Reader: Amen.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine inheritance, granting to thy people victory over all adversaries, and by thy Cross preserving thine estate.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Do thou, who of thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by thy Name; make glad in thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Champion dread, who cannot be put to confusion, despise not our petitions, O Good and all-praised Theotokos; establish the way of the Orthodox save those who have been called upon to govern us, leading us all to that victory which is from heaven, for thou art she who gavest birth to God and alone art Blessed.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O God, according to thy great goodness, we pray thee: hearken and have mercy.

Chanters: Lord, have mercy. (three times.)

Priest: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

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Priest: Again we pray for our Father and Metropolitan (N) and all our brethren in Christ.

Chanters: Lord, have mercy. (three times.)

Priest: For thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto thee we ascribe glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Chanter: Amen. Bless Father in the name of the Lord.

Priest: Glory to the Holy Consubstantial, Life-giving, and undivided Trinity, always now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Chanter: Amen

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (three times).

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. (Two times).

Psalm 3

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set

themselves against me round about. Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. I laid me down and slept: I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

Psalm 38 (37)

O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart. Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee. My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off. They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long. But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth. Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs. For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God. For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me. For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied. They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is. Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord my

salvation. . Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

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Psalm 63 (62)

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

I meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to thee O God.

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Psalm 88 (87)

O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength: Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth. Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction? Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer come before thee. LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee; let my prayer com before thee incline thine ear unto my cry.

Psalm 103 (102)

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy

diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul. In all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Psalm 143 (142)

Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on

the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

O Lord, give ear to my supplications: and enter not into judgment with thy servant. O Lord, give ear to my supplications: and enter not into judgment with thy servant.

Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to thee O God.

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to thee O God. O Lord our Hope, glory to thee.

Priest: In Peace let us pray to the Lord.

(The Choir responds *Lord have mercy* to each petition).

For the peace from above and the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, the good estate of the holy churches of God, and the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

For this holy house and those who with faith, reverence and fear of God enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

For our (*metropolitan or archbishop or bishop*), N., the honorable presbytery, the diaconate in Christ, all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our president, civil authorities and armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city and every city and countryside and the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

For healthful seasons, abundance of the fruits of the earth and peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For travelers by sea, by land and by air, the sick, the suffering, captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us O God, by thy grace.

Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To thee, O Lord.

Priest: For unto thee are due all glory, honor and worship to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Third Mode

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God is the Lord and hath ap - peared un - to us.
Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the Name of the Lord.

God is the Lord, which hath shown us light. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Holy Name.

God is the Lord, which hath shown us light. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord Will I destroy them.

God is the Lord, which hath shown us light. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

This is the Lords doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

God is the Lord, which hath shown us light. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Troparion of the Resurrection (tone 3)

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm, He hath trampled down death by death and become the first born from the dead, He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades granting the world the great mercy.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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For St. Anna Tone 4

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today the bonds of childlessness are loosed; for God hearkened to Joachim and Anna. And though it was beyond hope, He clearly promised them that they should bear a divine child, from whom was born the Uncircumscribable One Himself Who became a mortal, and through an Angel! Commanded them to cry unto her: Rejoice, thou who art full of grace: the Lord is with thee.

Priest: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us; save us; have mercy on us and keep O God by thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To thee O Lord.

Priest: For thine is the might, and thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

Kathismata 1st (Tone 3)

Christ is risen from the dead as the first fruits of them that slept. The first born of creation, and the Creator of all things that have come into being, hath renewed in Himself the corrupted nature of our race; no longer, O Death, art thou lord; for the Master of all hath destroyed thy dominion.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Having tasted of death in the flesh, O Lord, Thou hast banished the bitterness of death by Thy rising; and Thou hast strengthened man against it by revoking the defeat of the ancient curse. O defender of our life, Lord, glory by to Thee.

For the Conception tone 1 *The soldiers standing guard*
Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Behold, at the almighty behest of the Lord God, in Anna's holy womb the new heaven is fashioned, from which hath shone forth the bright-beaming Sun that doth never set, Who hath lightened all the world with rays of His Godhead in the tenderness of His exceeding compassion, the only Lover of mankind.

2nd Kathisma

At Thy Divinity's immutability and the dread Passion Thou didst feely will, O Lord, Hades was terror struck and he bewailed himself: Now I tremble at His body's uncorrupt substance tainted by no decay; I see Him that none can see waging war on me secretly. And all my captives cryout exulting: O Christ, glory to Thy Resurrection.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

We praise as works of God the inexpressible, incomprehensible, and inexplicable mystery, O Lord, of Thy dread Crucifixion and Resurrection. On this day is death despoiled; stripped is Hades of all his goods; Adam's race hath now put on incorruption as fair array. We faithful therefore cry with thanksgiving: O Christ, Glory to Thy Resurrection.

For the Saint tone 4 *Joseph was amazed.*

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

David, raise thy voice and cry. * What is it God hath sworn to thee? * What He sware to me, saith he, * behold, He likewise hath fulfilled: * for as the fruit of my loins, He bestowed the Virgin. * From her, the Fashioner * and the new Adam, Christ, * hath been born a King * to sit upon my throne; * and as a king today He reigneth, * Who hath a Kingdom unshakeable. * The barren beareth the Theotokos, * the nourisher of our life.

Evlogetaria (tone 5)

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes.

The company of the angels was amazed when they beheld thee numbered among the dead, yet thyself O Savior destroyed the power of death, and with thee raising up Adam and releasing all men from Hell.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes.

Wherefore O women Disciples do ye mingle sweet smelling spices with your tears of pity? The radiant angel within the sepulchre cried unto the myrrh bearing women behold the grave and understand for the Savior is risen from the tomb.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes.

Very early in the morning did the myrrh bearing women run lamenting unto Thy tomb, but an angel came toward them saying the time for lamentation is passed weep not but announce unto the Apostles the resurrection.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes.

The myrrh-bearing women mourned as bearing spices they drew near Thy tomb O Savior but the angel spake unto them saying why number ye the living among the dead in that He is God He is risen from the grave.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. We adore the Father as also the Son and the Holy Spirit the Holy Trinity in one essence crying with the Seraphim Holy, Holy, Holy art thou O Lord.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. In that thou didst bear the giver of life O Virgin thou didst redeem Adam from sin and didst give to Eve joy in place of sadness and He who was incarnate of Thee, both God and man hath restored to life those who had fallen therefrom.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Glory to thee O God.

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Glory to thee O God. O our God and our Hope Glory to Thee.

Priest: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us; save us; have mercy on us and keep O God by thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To thee O Lord.

Priest: For blessed is thy name, and glorified is thy kingdom, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

Hypakoe

To the ointment-bearing women the brilliant angel of sweet words, startling them, did say. Why seek ye the living One in the grave. He is verily risen, and hath emptied the tombs. Know ye, therefore, that the changeless One hath changed corruption to incorruption. And say ye to God, How dreadful are thy works; for thou hast saved mankind!

Hymns of Ascent Third Mode

The captivity of Sion hast Thou brought forth out of Babylon. Draw me also from the passion unto life, O Word.

In the south, they that sow with godly tears shall reap sheaves of wheat in the joy of life everlasting.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Both, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen;

By the Holy Spirit, there is every good gift. For He doth shine forth together with the Father and the Son; in Him all things live and move.

Second

Except the Lord build the house of virtues, in vain do we labor; and so long as He protecteth the soul no one shall take our city.

Made by the Spirit to be sons, the reward of the fruit of the womb, the Saints are ever with Thee, O Christ, as with the Father.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Both, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen;

In the Holy Spirit, all sanctity and wisdom are discerned; for He giveth being to all creation. Let us worship Him, for He is God, with the Father and the Word.

Third

They that fear the Lord are blessed; they walk in the paths of the commandments, and they shall eat of every life-giving fruit.

Rejoice, O chief shepherd, as thou beholdest round about thy table thy children's children, bearing branches of good works.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Both, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen;

In the Holy Spirit is all the wealth of glory; from Him there is grace and life to all creation. For He is praised with the Father and the Word.

Prokeimenon

Say among the nations that the Lord is King, for He hath established the world which shall not be shaken.

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O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Say among the nations that the Lord is King, for He hath established the world which shall not be shaken.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord have mercy.

Priest: For holy art thou, O our god, who restest in the holy place, and unto thee we ascribe glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

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Praise ye God in his Saints. Praise him in the firmament of his power.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

Priest: And that we may be accounted worthy to hear the holy gospel, let us beseech the Lord our God.

Choir: Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Wisdom! Attend! Let us hear the holy gospel.
Peace be to all.

Choir: And to thy Spirit.

Priest: The reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (24:36-53)

Choir: Glory to thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

At that time, Jesus, risen from the dead, stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace be to you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while still disbelieved for joy and wondered, he said to

them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish and a honeycomb, and he took it and ate before them.

Then Jesus said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city of Jerusalem, until you are clothed with power from on high.

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he was parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Choir: Glory to thee O Lord, Glory to Thee.

Reader: In that we have beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. Thy cross do we adore, O Christ, and thy holy resurrection we praise and glorify; for thou art our God, and we know none other beside thee; we call upon thy name. O come, all ye faithful, let us adore Christ's holy resurrection. For lo, through the cross is joy come into all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us sing his resurrection: for in that he endured the cross for us he hath destroyed death by death.

Psalm 50

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy great mercy: according to the multitude of the tender mercies blot out mine iniquity.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge mine iniquity: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy words, and prevail when thou art judged.

For behold, I was shapen in iniquity: and in sin did my mother conceive me.

For behold, thou hast loved truth: the unclear and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made clear to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me to hear joy and gladness: the bones which thou hast broken shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and steady me with a guiding spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways: and the impious shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open thou my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise. For hadst thou desired sacrifice, I would have given it thee: thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

Sacrifices to God are a contrite spirit: a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Do good, O Lord, in thy good will unto Zion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,
with burnt offering and whole burnt offerings:
Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

(tone 2) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Through the intercessions of the apostles, O thou who art merciful. Blot out all the multitudes of our transgressions.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O thou who art merciful. Blot out all the multitudes of our transgressions.

Have mercy on me, O God according to thy loving kindness according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Jesus having risen from the grave as he foretold hath given unto us life eternal and great mercy.

The Intercession:

O God, save thy people, and bless thine inheritance. Visit thy world with mercy and compassions. Exalt the horn of Orthodox Christians, and send down upon us thy rich mercies. Through the intercessions of our all-immaculate Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary—**whose Conception by righteous Anna we now celebrate**—by the might of the precious and life-giving cross; by the protection of the honorable bodiless powers of heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy glorious, all-laudable apostles; of our fathers among the saints, great hierarchs and ecumenical teachers, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and

John Chrysostom; Athanasios, Cyril and John the Merciful, patriarchs of Alexandria; Nicholas of Myra in Lycia, Spyridon of Trimythous and Nektarios of Pentapolis, the Wonder-workers of our Father Raphael, bishop of Brooklyn; of the holy and glorious great martyrs, George the Trophy-bearer, Demetrios the Myrrh-streaming, Theodore the Soldier, Theodore the General and Menas the Wonder-worker; of the hieromartyrs Ignatios the God-bearer of Antioch, Haralampos and Eletherios; of the holy, glorious great martyrs, Thekla, Barbara, Anastasia, Katherine, Kyriaki, Photeini, Marina, Paraskeva and Irene; of the holy glorious and right-victorious martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing fathers, who shone in the ascetic life; of the Glorious Prophet Elias, patron of this church; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of, **The Conception of Anna**, and of all thy saints, we beseech thee, O only most merciful Lord, hearken unto the petitions of us sinners who make our supplications unto thee and have mercy on us.

Choir: Lord, have mercy (twelve times, in four sets of three).

Priest: Through the mercy and compassions and love for mankind of thine only-begotten Son, with whom thou art blessed, together with thine all-holy good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen.

Kontakion of the Third Tone

Today, thou arose from the grave, merciful Lord, and Thou extracted us from the gates of death. Today, Adam dances and Eve rejoices. With them the prophets and patriarchs unceasingly praise the might of Thy divine power.

The Oikos

Let heaven and earth dance today and harmoniously praise Christ our God who has raised the captives of death from the tombs. All creation rejoices offering worthy hymns to the Creator of all and our Redeemer. Today, as the giver of life, he draws the human race from Hades and raised them with himself to heaven. He crushed the pride of the enemy and shattered the gates of Hades by the power of his divinity.

Synaxarion:

- + On the ninth of this month we commemorate Saint Anna's Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos.**
- + On this day we commemorate the Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection of Christ our God.
- + On this day we commemorate the holy Prophetess Hannah (Anna), Mother of Samuel the Prophet.
- + On this day we commemorate our righteous Father Stephen the Newly Appeared, whose holy relics repose in the church of Saint Antipas.
- + On this day we commemorate the holy Martyrs Sositheus, Narses, and Isaac of Persia, who were perfected in martyrdom by the sword.
- + On this day we commemorate the Virgin Martyr Leocadia of Toledo in Spain.
- + On this day we celebrate the Synaxis of the Icon of the Most Holy Mother of God called Unexpected Joy.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O God, have mercy and save us. Amen.

1st Nativity Canon Tone 1

Choir: 1. Christ is born, glorify him. Christ hath come from the heavens, receive him. Christ is on earth, elevate him. Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; and ye nations, praise him with joy; for he hath been glorified.

3. Let us cry unto the Son, born of the Father before the ages without transubstantiation, Christ god who hath been incarnate in these last days of the virgin, without seed, shouting, O thou who hath elevated our state, thou art holy, O Lord.

4. O praised Christ, a stem hath come out of Jesse, and from it hast sprouted a Flower from a dense and shadowed mountain, O immaterial God, coming incarnate from the virgin that hath not known man. Glory, therefore, to thy might, O Lord.

5. Since thou art the God of peace and the Father of mercies, O Lover of mankind, thou didst send to us the great messenger of thy mind, granting us thy peace. Therefore, have we been led aright to the light of divine knowledge, glorifying thee as we come out of darkness.

6. The sea-monster did disgorge Jonah from its belly, as it received him safely like a fetus. As for the Word, when he dwelt in the Virgin, taking from her a body, he was born, preserving her without corruption, and without transubstantiation, preserving his Mother without harm.

7. The youths having grown together in true worship, despising the command of the infidel, were not dismayed by the threat of fire; but were singing as they stood in the midst of the flames, Blessed art thou, God of our fathers.

Let us praise, bless, and worship the Lord.

8. Verily, the dewy furnace did shadow the sign of the supernatural wonder; for it burned not the youths whom it

received, as the fire of divinity also burned not the womb of the Virgin in which it dwelt. Wherefore, let us offer praise with song, saying, let all creation praise the Lord, exalting him evermore, to the end of ages.

Priest: The Theotokos and Mother of the Light let us honor and magnify in song.

Choir: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name; and his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the empty with good things and the rich hath he sent empty away.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

He remembering his mercy hath helped his servant Israel as he promised to our forefathers Abraham and his seed forever.

More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, thou who without stain barest God the Word, and art truly Theotokos, we magnify thee.

Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts.

9. I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath lain Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify him.

Priest: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Help us; save us; have mercy on us and keep O God by thy grace.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God.

Choir: To thee O Lord.

Priest: For all the powers of heaven praise thee, and to thee we ascribe glory to the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: Amen

Holy is the Lord our God.

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Holy is the Lord our God. Exalt ye the Lord our God and worship at his footstool for he is holy.

Sixth Exaposteilaria: Tone 2

When thou didst enter while the doors were closed, O Lord, then thou didst fill thine Apostles with a holy spirit, breathing into them peace, and saying unto them, Loosen ye and bind ye sins. And after eight days thou didst show Thomas thy hands and thy side. With him, therefore, do we cry to thee, Thou art the Lord and God.

For St. Anna Tone 3 *While standing in the Temple's courts*

The Lord, being compassionate, * Lent His ear to the sighing * of Anna the august and chaste, *and He gave her the Virgin, * her who alone knew not a man * and who made the light to shine * on all the world past all telling; * as for famous and godly * Joachim, when he saw this, * he was amazed and exultant.

Praises

**Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord,
Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens praise him
in the heights to thee O God, is due our song.**

Praise ye him all his angels praise ye him all his hosts to thee O God is due our song.

This Glory shall be to all his Saints.

Come together all ye people and know the power of the dreadful secret for Christ our Savior the eternal word hath been crucified for our sake and was buried willingly and hath risen from the dead to save all to him let us bow down in worship.

Praise God in his sanctuary praise him in the firmament of his power.

The guards have published it abroad, O Lord, telling of all thy wonders. But the assemble of falsehood filled their right hands with bribes, thinking that thereby they might conceal thy Resurrection which the world doth glorify. Wherefore, have mercy upon us.

Praise him for his mighty acts praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Verily, all creatures were filled with joy when thy received the glad tidings of thy Resurrection; for Mary Magdalene, coming to thy grave, met an angel in a brilliant robe sitting on the stone, who said, Why seekest thou the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen. As he said, he will go before you into Galilee.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet praise him with the Psaltery and harp.

O Master, Lover of mankind, with thy light do we behold light; for thou art risen from the dead, granting salvation to the race of man, that the whole creation

may glorify thee alone, who art without sin. Have mercy upon us.

Tone 2 For the Saint: *O house of Ephratha*

Praise him with the timbrel and dance Praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Adam and Eve, rejoice * and put aside all sorrow * for in a barren woman, * beyond all hope the Mother of Joy doth bud as fruit today.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals Praise him upon the high sounding cymbals, let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Forefather Abraham, * all Patriarchs and Fathers, * be filled with jubilation * on seeing that the Mother of God doth spring forth from your root.

The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David, and He will not annul it.

Joachim, leap for joy; * rejoice with him, O Anna; * for on this day ye bear fruit * that is the cause of joy and salvation for the world entire.

Of the fruit of thy loins will I set upon thy throne.

Ye of the Prophets' choir, * make merry, for, behold ye, * in Anna is begotten * a fruit through which your prophecies all shall fully come to pass.

Tone 6 Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Since thou art the true peace of God to man, O Christ, thou didst give thy peace to thy Disciples after thy

Resurrection. Thou didst show them frightened when thy thought that they were beholding a spirit. But thou didst remove the anxiety of their souls when thou didst show them thy hands and feet; and yet with were in doubt. But then thou didst take food with them, reminding them of thy preaching, thou didst open their minds to understand the books. And thou didst make with them the eternal covenant, blessed them and rose, ascending into heaven. Wherefore, with them do we worship thee, O Lord, glory be to thee.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most blessed art thou O Virgin Theotokos for through him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled Adam is recalled from the dead the curse is made void Eve is set free death is slain and we are endowed with life. Wherefore in hymns of praise we cry aloud blessed art thou O Christ our God who is thus well pleased glory to thee.

The Great Doxology (tone 6)

Glory to thee who hast shown us the light, glory be to God on high and on earth peace and goodwill among men.

We praise thee we bless thee we worship thee we glorify thee we give thanks unto thee for thy great glory.

O Lord heavenly King god the Father almighty, O Lord the only begotten Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

O Lord God Lamb of God, Son of the Father that takest away the sin of the world have mercy on us thou that takest away the sins of the world.

Receive our prayer O thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father and have mercy on us.

For thou only art holy thou only art the Lord O Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father Amen.

Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise thy name forever, yea for ever and ever.

Vouchsafe O Lord to keep us this day without sin.

Blessed art thou O Lord God of our Fathers and praise and glorified be thy name forever Amen.

Let thy mercy O Lord be upon us as we do put our hope in thee.

Blessed art thou O Lord, teach me thy statutes.

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Lord thou hast been our refuge in all generations, I said be merciful unto me heal my soul for I have sinned against thee.

Lord I have fled unto thee teach me to do thy will for thou art my God.

For with thee is the fountain of life in thy light shall we see light.

O continue thy loving kindness unto them that know thee.

Holy God, Holy mighty, holy immortal have mercy on us.

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Holy God, Holy mighty, holy immortal, have, mercy on us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

Holy immortal have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy mighty,
Holy immortal have mercy on us.

Today is salvation come unto the world let us sing praises to him that arose from the grave, the author of our life, for having by death destroyed death he hath given us victory and great mercy.