

Divine Liturgy Variables on December 09
Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna
Consecration of the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem

REFRAIN OF THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- *Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.*

APOLYTIKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA
IN TONE FOUR

Today have the bonds of barrenness been loosened; God, having heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna, promised them openly that they should give birth, beyond hope, to the Maiden of God, from whom He, the infinite One was to be born, becoming man, commanding the angel to shout to her: Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE CONSECRATION IN TONE FOUR

Thou hast shown the earthly beauty of the holy tabernacle of Thy glory to be like unto the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Strengthen it forever and ever, and accept our prayers which we unceasingly offer therein unto Thee, through the Theotokos, O Thou Who art the Life and Resurrection of all.

WHEN THOU O LORD...

KONTAKION OF CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS BY ST. ANNA
IN TONE FOUR

*(**On this day Thou hast appeared**)*

Today the universe celebrateth the conception in Anna which is from God; for she hath given birth to her who gave birth to the Word in an ineffable manner.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna)

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:22-27)

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

THE GOSPEL

(For the Conception of the Theotokos by Righteous Anna)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:16-21)

The Lord said, "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear; for to him who has will more be given, and from him who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away." Then His mother and His brothers came to Him, but they could not reach Him for the crowd. And He was told, "Thy mother and Thy brothers are standing outside, desiring to see Thee." But He said to them, "My mother and My brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE CONCEPTION IN TONE EIGHT

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; praise is meet for the upright. Alleluia.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Psalm 32:1

Communion Hymn

Byzantine Tone 8
Arranged by Michael G. Farrow

Refrain:



Re - jice in the Lord, O ye right - eous;



praise is meet for the up - right.

Verses:

- (1) Give praise to the Lord with the harp, chant unto him with the ten-stringed psaltery. (*Psalm 32:2*)
- (2) Sing unto Him a new song, chant well unto Him with jubilation. (*Psalm 32:3*)
- (3) For the word of the Lord is true, and all His works are in faithfulness. (*Psalm 32:4*)