

**Akathistos Service to
the Righteous Joachim and Anna**

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

Choir: *(In tone 6)*

Amen. O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth Who art everywhere and fillest all things. Treasury of Blessings, and Giver of Life. Come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One!

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. (3x)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, cleanse us from our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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 the evil One.

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.

Choir: Amen.

God Is the Lord

Deacon: In the 4th tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

Choir: *God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.*

Deacon: All nations surrounded me, but in the Name of the Lord I destroyed them.

Choir: *God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.*

Deacon: I shall not die but live and recount the works of the Lord.

Choir: *God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.*

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes.

Choir: *God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.*

Troparion, in Tone IV—

O divinely wise Anna,
in thy womb thou didst bear the pure Mother of God,
who gaveth birth unto Life.
Wherefore, rejoicing in glory,
thou hast now been translated to the mansions of heaven,
where is the abode of those who rejoice. O ever-blessed one, ***
beseech thou cleansing of transgressions for those who honor thee
with love.

Glory...now...

Kontakion One (Tone 8)

O holy and righteous Joachim and Anna,
the forbears of Christ, elect among the human race,
who gave birth to the all-blessed, holy Maiden, of Whom the Son of
God was born in the flesh.
In that you have great boldness before Christ God and stand before
His heavenly throne,
earnestly entreat Him, that we may be delivered from misfortunes
and thus may ever cry aloud to you:
“Rejoice, O holy and righteous Joachim and Anna, ancestor
God!”

Ikos One

An angelic messenger was sent to you by God, O holy and righteous ancestors of God, when ye both gave vent to your sorrow—thou, O Joachim, in the wilderness, and thou, O Anna, in the garden,—offering up supplication unto God. Thus the incorporeal one brought the joyful tidings that ye would give birth to an all-blessèd daughter, in whom the whole human race would be blessed. And with him we also offer you joyful praise:

Rejoice, ye branches of the vine of life who blossomed forth in holiness from the root of **David**;

Rejoice, ye who gave birth to a daughter more blessèd than all the generations of men.

Rejoice, most honored forebears of the incarnate **Son** of God;

Rejoice, ven'erable ancestors of the great **Messiah**.
Rejoice, ye who took part in the dispensation of God for man's **salvation**;
Rejoice, most excellent disclosers of the mystery hidden from before **time** began.
Rejoice, closest kinfolk in the flesh to the Consolation of **Israel**;
Rejoice, blood relatives of the Savior Who was **promised** to the world.
Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Two

Seeing himself belittled by the high priest in the temple of Jerusalem because of his lack of children, the holy Joachim was sore distressed. In bitterness of soul he withdrew to his flocks in the wilderness, and there he offered fervent supplication with tears, that the Lord grant that he might be called father by a child of his own. And thus he added fasting to prayer, and in the contrition of his heart cried aloud to God Almighty: Alleluia!

Ikos Two

Knowing the extent of her husband's grief, the holy Anna wept bitterly in her house and prayed that the Lord would remove from her the reproach of barrenness. And we, remembering the patience of the righteous ones, cry:

Rejoice, O divinely chosen pair who gave birth to her who would become the
Mother of One of the **Trinity**;
Rejoice, ye who produced an immaculate Mother for your **Creator**.
Rejoice, ye who nurtured her who is **all-pure**;
Rejoice, ye blessed twain who raised a daughter who is most blessed among
women.
Rejoice, ye who cried out to God in your **bitter** distress;
Rejoice, ye to whom God hearkened amid your **barrenness**.
Rejoice, for your tearful entreaties passed up to heaven and reached the ear of the
God of **Israel**;
Rejoice, for your temporal reproach has been transformed into eternal glory in
heaven and on earth.
Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Three

Filled with the power of God, the angel of the Lord appeared to the holy Joachim in the wilderness and said to him: "God has heard thy prayer and has been pleased to grant thee His grace! Behold, Anna thy wife shall conceive and bear thee a daughter, who shall be the joy of the whole world!" And having said these things, the incorporeal one commanded him to return to the temple of Jerusalem, where he would find his spouse praying, that with her he also might sing there the hymn of praise to the God of Israel: Alleluia!

Ikos Three

Having great sorrow in thy heart, O holy Anna, thou didst enter the garden of thy home, where thine eye lit upon a bird's nest in a tree, wherein lay little chicks; and straightway thou didst add supplications to thine entreaties, that the Lord might vouchsafe thee to become the mother of a child. And, lo! the angel of the Lord appeared unto thee, saying:

“Thy prayer has been heard, thy sighs have passed beyond the clouds, and thy tears have come before God! Behold, thou shalt conceive and bear an all-blessèd daughter, in whom all the peoples of the earth will be blessed, and through whom salvation shall be given to the whole world! Her name shall be Mary!” Mindful of these most joyous angelic tidings, let us sing such things to the ancestors of God:

Rejoice, O righteous couple, forechosen by **God** from on high;

Rejoice, ye who were predestined for ineffable **glory**.

Rejoice, ye who walked blamelessly in all the **commandments** of the Lord;

Rejoice, ye who cherished his **precepts**.

Rejoice, ye who received eternal consolation amid your
fleeting **sorrow**;

Rejoice, ye who were exalted beyond expectation by the **right** hand of God.

Rejoice, for in your humility and tribulation the Lord **remembered** you;

Rejoice, for ye were vouchsafed to become the forebears of the **Son** of God.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Four

Beset by a storm of doubt and perplexed by the angel’s tidings to him, the righteous Joachim straightway set out for the city of Jerusalem, where he found before the gates of the temple the holy Anna, greatly glorifying the Lord, who declared to him the joy of the angelic appearance and prediction of her childbirth. Wherefore, when he had told his spouse of his own vision, he cried with her unto the Lord: Alleluia!

Ikos Four

When Anna’s kinfolk and friends heard of her all-glorious conceiving, they glorified the God of Israel. And the divinely wise Anna promised the fruit of her womb to the service of God and offered up fervent thanks to the Lord. And hymning with splendor the most glorious conception of the divine Maiden Mary, we say unto her holy parents:

Rejoice, joyous heralds announcing to us the Redeemer Who is **come** into the
world;

Rejoice, ye who were the harbingers of **grace** divine.

Rejoice, grandparents of God Who in His mercy **assumed** our form;

Rejoice, ever-mem’rable forebears of the awaited **Savior**.

Rejoice, ye who through your blessèd daughter provided flesh for the **Word** of
God;

Rejoice, ye who called the incarnate God your **grandson**.

Rejoice, worthy servants of the great mystery of **piety**;

Rejoice, most excellent means of God’s **condescension** to men.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Five

Ye were vouchsafed to give birth in the flesh to the all-holy Theotokos, the divinely radiant star who showed forth Christ God, the Sun of righteousness, O most blessèd Joachim and Anna, and have thus received the enviable title of ancestors of God. At her

holy birth heaven and earth rejoiced, and the whole human race was sanctified, crying out to the God of Israel Who is wondrous in His saints: Alleluia!

Ikos Five

Looking as parents upon the Mother of the Creator, the divine Maiden Mary who was born to you, ye reverently ministered unto her as the ark of God; wherefore, turn not away from us who fall down before you in prayer and say:

Rejoice, ye who were filled with radiant jubilation at the birth of the divine Maiden **Mary**;

Rejoice, ye who were filled with delight at the sight of the divine **Maiden**.

Rejoice, ye who were moved to compunction at the **sound** of her voice;

Rejoice, ye who rejoiced to see her grow in stature and the **grace** of God.

Rejoice, ye who after these things were blessed by the high **priest** of God;

Rejoice, ye whose reproach was most gloriously removed by the **Most High**.

Rejoice, ye who tended well the unblemished **ewe**-lamb in your house;

Rejoice, ye who received the Mother of the Lamb and Shepherd as your **daughter**.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Six

Ye were shown to be proclaimers of the wonders of God, O saints, when ye fulfilled your vow to God and with glory brought the three-year old divine Maiden Mary to the temple of God, that she might abide there in the Holy of holies; and for these things thou didst hasten with joy to sing unto the God of your fathers the glorification: Alleluia!

Ikos Six

The divine Maiden shone forth like the full moon at her honored entry into the temple of the Lord, and the angels marveled at her beauty. And taking her from your hands, O holy Joachim and Anna, the High Priest Zachariah led her into the Holy of holies with honor, for she was truly the animate ark of God; and he blessed you as is meet with such praises as these:

Rejoice, ye who have given birth to the universal joy of the **human** race;

Rejoice, ye who have nurtured the cause of the **restoration** of mankind.

Rejoice, ye who brought the animate ark of God to the **temple** of the Lord;

Rejoice, ye who presented her to the high **priest** of God.

Rejoice, ye who gave over your holy daughter to dwell in the Holy of **holies**;

Rejoice, ye who joyously committed to the Almighty the gift He had **given** you.

Rejoice, ye who are revealed as the kinfolk of God Who will become **incarnate**;

Rejoice, ye who conversed with the **angels**.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Seven

Having fulfilled the desire of thy soul and given thy promise to God, O all-blessèd Joachim, thou didst depart this earthly life in holiness and righteousness, passing on to

the Lord. Wherefore, make entreaty for us to Him, that we also may be counted worthy to receive a peaceful and unashamed end, crying out to Him: Alleluia!

Ikos Seven

Thou didst lead a new and God-pleasing life in thy widowhood, O holy Anna, abiding at the temple of God and ministering to thine all-blessèd daughter; wherefore, we praise thee as a true and God-pleasing widow and the grandmother of Christ, and with love we fervently honor thee and thy husband, Joachim the grandfather of God, and offer thee such hymns as these:

Rejoice, ye just ones whose righteousness shines like the sun forever;

Rejoice, ye brilliant stars of the firmament of the **Holy** Church.

Rejoice, companions of the holy patriarchs and **prophets** of
God;

Rejoice, ye friends of the angels, who truly dwell with the saints in the **presence**
of God.

Rejoice, ye who stand nigh unto the throne of **heaven**;

Rejoice, ye who have great boldness before **Christ** God.

Rejoice, adornment of the Church Triumphant in **heaven**;

Rejoice, goodly aid of the Church **Militant** on earth.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Eight

Having reached the end of thine earthly sojourn in the arms of thy most divine daughter, the Theotokos Mary, O holy and righteous Anna, thou didst sleep the sleep of death and wast transported unto God with hope; wherefore, glorifying thy holy dormition, we entreat thee, O most honored grandmother of God: When we also begin to fall into the sleep of death, beseech Christ the Savior, that our soul may part gently from our body and escape the power of the demons, and that we may be vouchsafed eternal salvation, and may cry out to Him in the joy of the saints: Alleluia!

Ikos Eight

The whole Christian world blesses you as is meet, O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and in prayer glorifies your honored names; and the Church of Christ celebrates your memory with splendor and offers hymns of praise unto you:

Rejoice, beacons who graciously illumine the **darkness** of our souls;

Rejoice, luminaries shining down upon us in the effulgence of your **glory**.

Rejoice, ye who mercifully look down upon mortals from the
heavenly heights of your **glory**;

Rejoice, ye who with pity intercede for us sinners with your **Grandson**.

Rejoice, ye who ever pray with Mary the Theotokos;

Rejoice, ye who with great might move Christ God to **mercy**.

Rejoice, ye who save from all misfortunes those who cherish **love** for you and
faith;

Rejoice, ye who deliver from a violent and sudden death those who call upon your
aid in prayer.

Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Nine

All the angels of God and the choirs of the saints of God in heaven greet you, O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, and on earth the generations of men praise you with prayerful hymns and cry out to God in thanksgiving for your intercession: Alleluia!

Ikos Nine

Our eloquence does not suffice to praise you fittingly, O holy forebears of Christ; yet as ye are merciful, reject not our poor laudations, but be ye fervent intercessors and advocates for us before the Lord, fulfilling the deficiency of our souls with your holy supplications, that we may cry out to you this hymn of thanksgiving:

- Rejoice, mediators who win for us the joy and eternal **glory** we desire;
- Rejoice, fervent advocates before the Lord who acquire temporal and eternal **blessings** for us.
- Rejoice, ye who by your intercession preserve the faithful from deadly **pestilence**;
- Rejoice, ye who by your supplications dispel **mortal** plagues.
- Rejoice, ye who by your mediation cause earthquakes and violent storms to cease and **restore** calm;
- Rejoice, ye whose entreaties deliver us from all **perils**.
- Rejoice, ye who avert every danger from those who have **recourse** to your aid;
- Rejoice, ye who amid all tribulations and misfortunes **hasten** to our aid.
- Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Ten

O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, ye have shown yourselves to be good helpers of those who desire salvation of soul and diligently strive therefor, being called the guardians of monks and nuns, and offering unto God common entreaty for all the faithful, that in thanksgiving unto Christ the King of glory, Who has glorified you throughout the world, they all may cry out: Alleluia!

Ikos Ten

With the bulwark of your prayers, O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, preserve and protect us from the temptations of the diabolical foe who seeks the destruction of our souls; for we know, we know that your entreaty before the face of Christ our God, thy Grandson according to the flesh, is able to accomplish much. Never cease to make entreaty to Him on behalf of all who with love honor you and cry aloud:

- Rejoice, fruitful olive-trees pouring forth the oil of the mercy of God upon us in **abundance**;
- Rejoice, ye two cypress-trees of goodly foliage, who turn the burning heat of our passions into the stillness of **dispassion**.

Rejoice, ye who like cedars ever flourish in the courts of the **Most** High;
Rejoice, ye who like pine-trees never lose the verdure of the might of your
boldness **before** Him.
Rejoice, purple and fine linen of which the tabernacle of God's **dwelling**-place was
wrought;
Rejoice, turtle-doves mated for life, who brought forth the **immaculate** dove.
Rejoice, ye who reign eternally with your daughter, the **Queen** of all;
Rejoice, ye who celebrate with her in splendor in her heavenly mansion in **Zion** on
high.
Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Eleven

Mercifully accept our hymnody of praise, and deprive us not of your compassions, O holy Joachim and Anna, ancestors of Christ: for though we are unworthy of your holy aid because of our sins, yet as ye are good and full of pity, grant it to us, and help us to cleanse ourselves of the defilement of sin through repentance, that in purity of heart we may sing unto our Creator the hymn of praise: Alleluia!

Ikos Eleven

O brethren, let us recognize the holy ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna, as two radiant candles which lit the universal lamp, and, illumined with the effulgence of their heavenly glory, let us sing to them such things as these:

Rejoice, ye who were counted worthy to raise her who is beyond compare more
glorious than the **seraphim**;
Rejoice, ye who with a loving eye watched over her who is higher in honor than the
cherubim.
Rejoice, ye who are resplendent with heavenly **effulgence**;
Rejoice, ye who were illumined with rays of the **grace** of God.
Rejoice, ye who were filled with the sweet fragrance of the **Spirit**;
Rejoice, ye who bear unto God the incense of your prayers for the whole **Christian**
world.
Rejoice, ye who ever stand before the throne of Christ with Mary the Theotokos
and John the **Baptist**;
Rejoice, ye who join the choirs of all the saints in praying to God for all the
faithful.
Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Twelve

O holy ancestors of God Joachim and Anna, ask of the Lord, that He grant us divine grace and mercy, forgiveness of sins and correction of life; and cease never to entreat the countenance of Almighty God on our behalf, in that ye have acquired great boldness before Him. Falling down before you with fervor for this purpose, we beseech you as our true intercessors and helpers, and with goodly compunction cry out to the Creator of all: Alleluia!

Ikos Twelve

Hymning the great might of your intercession before God, O righteous Joachim and Anna, we magnify Christ the Lord Who has magnified you; we hymn also His all-immaculate Mother who was born of you; and in our zeal we offer you these right fitting praises:

Rejoice, ye who are glorified from the East even **unto** the West;
Rejoice, ye whose fame has spread to the far reaches of the **north** and the south.
Rejoice, O our protectors, whose vigilance in intercession is never **wavering**;
Rejoice, divine guardians who tirelessly keep watch in your prayers to God for all the **faithful**.
Rejoice, ye who grant your gracious help to every **Christian** soul;
Rejoice, ye who fulfill the entreaties and petitions of the **pious**.
Rejoice, most excellent healers of the infirmities of soul and body, who **exact** no fee;
Rejoice, most diligent and right pleasing mediators who obtain for us temporal and **eternal** good things.
Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

Kontakion Thirteen

O holy and righteous ancestors of God Joachim and Anna! We entreat you with zeal and love, falling down before the footstool of your feet: Beseech the Lord God, that He may deliver us from the everlasting damnation prepared for sinners, that, saved by the lovingkindness of our God and aided by your holy prayers, we may sing in thanksgiving to Him the angelic hymn: Alleluia! (3)

And we repeat Ikos One

An angelic messenger was sent to you by God, O holy and righteous ancestors of God, when ye both gave vent to your sorrow—thou, O Joachim, in the wilderness, and thou, O Anna, in the garden,—offering up supplication unto God. Thus the incorporeal one brought the joyful tidings that ye would give birth to an all-blessèd daughter, in whom the whole human race would be blessed. And with him we also offer you joyful praise:

Rejoice, ye branches of the vine of life who blossomed forth in holiness from the root of **David**;
Rejoice, ye who gave birth to a daughter more blessèd than all the **generations** of men.
Rejoice, most honored forebears of the incarnate **Son** of God;
Rejoice, ven'erable ancestors of the great **Messiah**.
Rejoice, ye who took part in the dispensation of God for man's **salvation**;
Rejoice, most excellent disclosers of the mystery hidden from before **time** began.
Rejoice, closest kinfolk in the flesh to the Consolation of **Israel**;
Rejoice, blood relatives of the Savior Who was **promised** to the world.
Rejoice, O holy and righteous **ancestors** of God, Joachim and **Anna**!

THE LITTLE LITANY

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

Choir: *Lord, have mercy.*

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy.*

Deacon: Commemorating our most holy, most pure, 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 Thou art the King of Peace, the Savior of our souls, 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.*

REFRAINS X3

Clergy: Holy righteous Anna, pray to God for us!

Choir: *Holy righteous Anna, pray to God for us!*

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

Choir: *Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

PROKEIMENON AND GOSPEL

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend. The Prokeimenon in the 4th tone: Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.

Choir: *Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.*

Deacon: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Choir: *Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.*

Deacon: Their proclamation Wondrous is God in His saints,

Choir: *the God of Israel.*

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy.*

Priest: For holy art Thou, O our God, Who restest in the saints, and unto Thee we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: *Amen.*

Deacon: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Choir: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

Deacon: Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

Choir: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!*

Deacon: Let everything that has breath

Choir: *praise the Lord!*

Deacon: And that we may be accounted worthy of hearing the Holy Gospel, let us pray to the Lord God.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy. (3x)*

Deacon: Wisdom, arise. Let us hear the Holy Gospel!

Priest: Peace be unto all!

Choir: *And to your spirit.*

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Choir: *Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!*

Deacon: Let us attend! (*Luke 8:16-22*)

Priest:

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, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you" But He said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

Choir: *Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee!*

REFRAINS X3

Clergy: Holy righteous Anna, pray to God for us!

Choir: *Holy righteous Anna, pray to God for us!*

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

Choir: *Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos, ever blessed, and most pure and the Mother of our God; More honorable than the cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word. True Theotokos we magnify you!

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy. (3x)*

Deacon: Again we pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan Tikhon, for the Holy Synod of Bishops, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy and for all our brethren in Christ.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy. (3x)*

Deacon: Again we pray for the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for our armed forces everywhere.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy. (3x)*

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and visitation for the servant(s) of God, n. and for all those who are gathered here, and for the pardon and remission of their sins.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy. (3x)*

Deacon: Furthermore we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that the voice of our petition and prayer be heard; have mercy upon Thy servant(s) n. and for all those who are gathered here, in Thy grace and goodness, and fulfill all their supplications, and pardon them their transgressions both voluntary and involuntary; that their petitions and alms be acceptable before the throne of Thy Majesty, and protect them from all visible and invisible enemies, from all attacks, misfortune and sorrow, and save them from illness, and grant them health and length of days: we pray Thee, O Lord, hearken and have mercy.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy. (3x)*

Deacon: Look down, O Master Lover of mankind with Thy merciful eye upon Thy servants n. and for all those who are gathered here, and hearken to our prayers offered in faith, for Thou thyself hast said: What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them, and again: Ask, and it shall be given you,

therefore, though unworthy, but trusting upon Thy mercy, we ask: grant Thy grace, to Thy servant (s) all those gathered in Council here, and fulfill all (their) good desires, preserve (him, her, them) in peace and tranquility; in health and length of days all (his, her, their) life, we pray Thee, hearken quickly and graciously have mercy.

Choir: *Lord, have mercy. (3x)*

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and to those who are far off upon the sea; and show mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us. For Thou art a merciful God Who lovest mankind, and unto Thee we send up glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now, and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Choir: *Amen.*

PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray to Holy Righteous Anna!

Choir: *Holy Righteous Anna pray to God for us!*

Priest: O Ever-glorious and righteous grandmother of Christ, holy Anna who stands before the Heavenly throne of the great King and possesses boldness before Him; He was well pleased to become incarnate of your all-blessed daughter, the all-pure Theotokos and Ever-virgin Mary. We the sinful and unworthy, come to you as mighty intercessors and diligent advocates for us. Entreat His goodness, that He may turn us to the way of repentance and set us firmly upon the path of His commandments. By your prayers, preserve our lives in peace. Ask that we may be successful in good things. By your intercession, may God grant to us all things necessary for life and piety and may He deliver us from all peril, misfortune and sudden death. May He allow us to live out our lives in peace and tranquility in all piety and purity. Having thus passed, from this transitory life in peace, we may attain unto everlasting rest, where by your holy entreaty, may we be granted the Heavenly Kingdom of Christ our God, to Whom is due all glory, honor and worship with the Father and the All-Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Choir: *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Wisdom!

Priest: Most Holy Theotokos, save us.

Choir: *More honorable than the Cherubim, and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim, without defilement you gave birth to God the Word, true Theotokos we magnify you!*

Priest: Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our hope, glory to Thee!

Choir: *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Father (Most blessed Master) Bless.*

Priest: May Christ our true God, through the prayers of his most pure Mother; of our fathers among the saints Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of North America and Founder of this Holy Habitation, of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk the Patron of this Holy Habitation, of the holy and righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints, have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

Choir: *Amen!*