

# ΙΩΑΚΕΙΜ ΚΑΙ ANNA JOACHIM AND ANNA

Joachim and Anna were a pious and virtuous Jewish couple. Although they had been married for many years, they didn't have children. In that time, not having children was seen as a great misfortune, even a curse. People looked upon them with shame saying it was a punishment from God for the sins they had done. Joachim and Anna prayed continuously to God for a child. For this purpose they fasted and did many good deeds. They even promised God they would dedicate the child to Him. In fact, God granted them a child, and a baby girl was born to Anna. They named her Maria (she was destined to become the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ). When Maria was 3 years old, her parents kept that promise and brought her to stay in the Temple of God.



**Activity:** Unscramble the letters of each word. Every word is in the story.

1. ODG \_\_\_\_\_

2. RMAIA \_\_\_\_\_

3. SUSEJ \_\_\_\_\_

4. YRAPDE \_\_\_\_\_

5. TUSTR \_\_\_\_\_

6. MIHCAOJ \_\_\_\_\_

7. VLOE \_\_\_\_\_

8. TFSaed \_\_\_\_\_

**Δίδαγμα (Teaching):** Να υπομένουμε συνέχεια στην προσευχή μας και να έχουμε εμπιστοσύνη στο Θεό. Be persistent in your prayers and have trust in God.

**Ρητό (Saying):** «ἰοθι πεποιθώς εν ὄλη τη καρδία επί Θεώ, επί δε ση σοφία μη επαίρου» (Παροιμ. Γ' 5). "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not be proud of your wisdom" (Proverbs 3' 5)