

Divine Liturgy Propers, February 28, 2009
Saturday in the First Week of the Great Fast
Commemoration of the Miracle of St. Theodore
First and Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist

Hymn

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov



O bless - ed John, the Mas - ter's friend, the Fore - run - ner of Christ,
You spring from par - ents' bar - ren loins, the Mas - ter's gar - den chaste,
First came the lamp, and then the Light; first voice, and then the Word.



At Jor - dan's stream, you touched the head be - yond all na - ture's price.
The Bap - tist of the Christ, our Lord, and glo - ry of our race.
The Bridegroom's friend, and then the Groom; his end - less cry is heard:

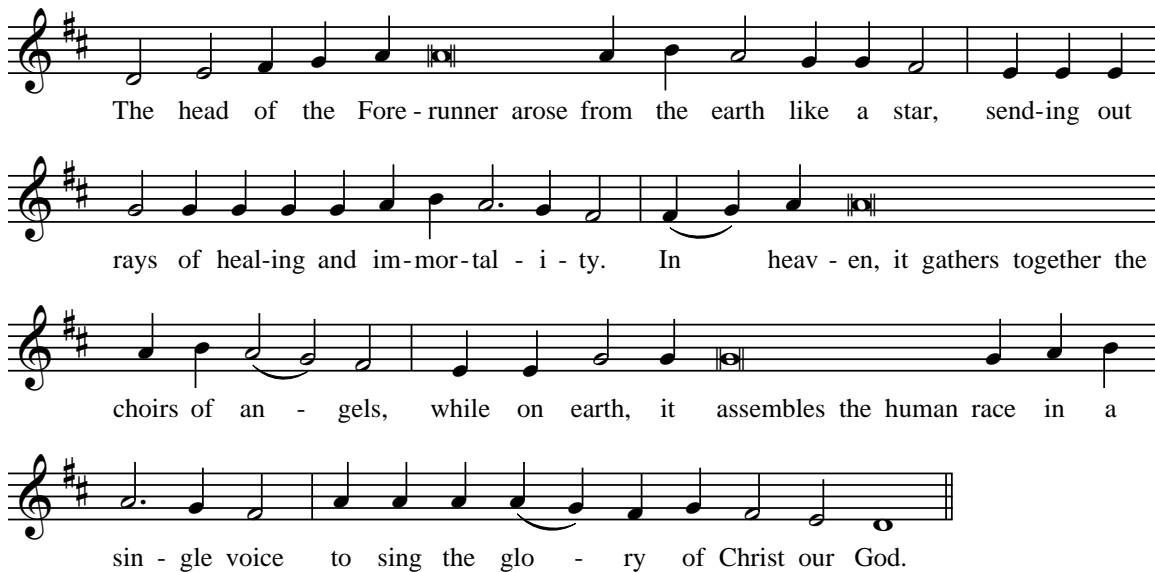


By your sin - cere and con - stant pray'r, raise my soul to the Lord,
We praise you, great Fore - run - ner John, O guar - dian of our life:
Re - pent, O peo - ple, change your ways, the Bridegroom will ap - pear!



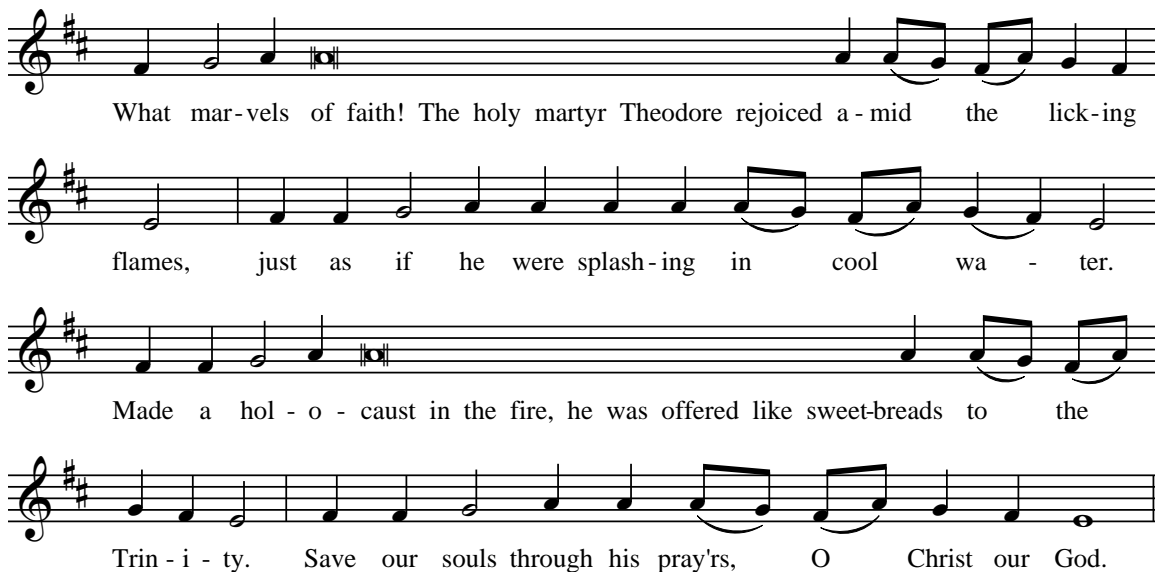
Put out the flames of pas - sion's fire that Christ be e'er a - dored.
Re - pel the Ser - pent's fierce at - tacks de - fend us in all strife.
Cast sin a - side, and safe - ly bide, seek Christ in faith and fear!

Troparion of the Baptist- *Tone 4*




The head of the Fore-runner arose from the earth like a star, send-ing out
rays of heal-ing and im-mor-tal - i - ty. In heav - en, it gathers together the
choirs of an - gels, while on earth, it assembles the human race in a
sin - gle voice to sing the glo - ry of Christ our God.

Troparion of Theodore - *Tone 2*




What mar-vels of faith! The holy martyr Theodore rejoiced a - mid the lick-ing
flames, just as if he were splash-ing in cool wa - ter.
Made a hol - o - caust in the fire, he was offered like sweet-breads to the
Trin - i - ty. Save our souls through his pray'rs, O Christ our God.

Cantor



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Kontakion of Theodore - Tone 8



Be-liev-ing in Christ with all your might, you struck a mighty blow to the en - e-my.




You re-ceived an e - ter-nal crown of glo-ry, O long-suf - fering and victo-ri - ous



The - o - dore.

Cantor




Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

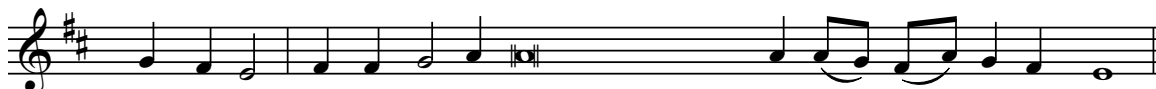
Kontakion of the Baptist - Tone 2



O proph-et of God and fore-run - ner of grace, with-in the earth we have



dis-cov - ered your head, a rose of great holiness from which heal-ing al - ways



comes to us. As you did of old, now also preach re-pent - ance to the world.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)



The just man will re-joyce in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord
and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):



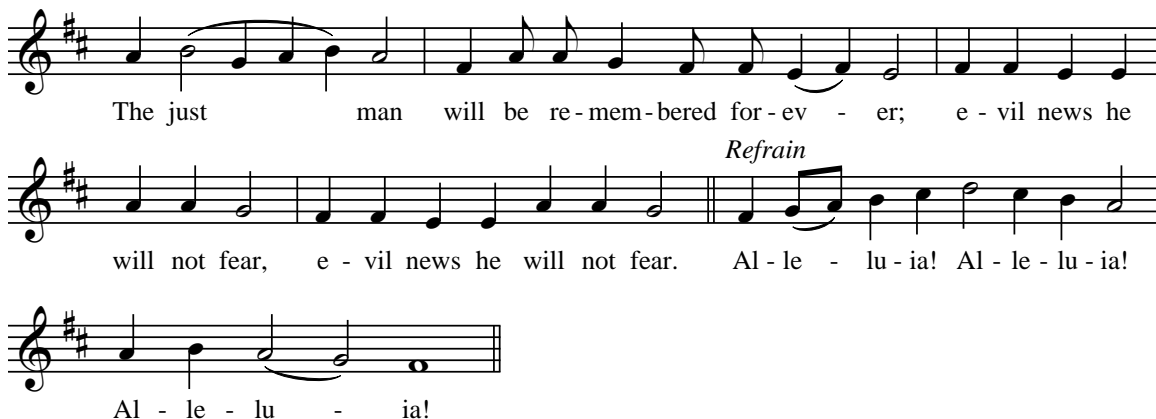
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Verse: Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re-mem-bered for-ev - er; e - vil news he
Refrain
will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!