

**Divine Liturgy, January 7**  
**Synaxis of the Holy Forerunner, Prophet and Baptist John**

**The Synaxis of the holy Forerunner, Prophet, and Baptist John.** A “synaxis” feast follows one of the great feasts, and highlights a major personage of the previous day's celebration. We remember today the work of the Forerunner, John, who baptized Christ.

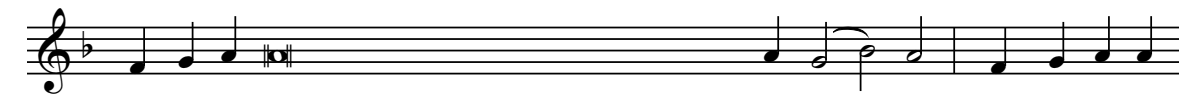
**First Antiphon (Psalm 113:3):**



Why is it, O sea, that you fled; O Jor-dan, that you turned back?



Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.



Glo-ry to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir - it: Now and ev-er



and for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O



Sav - ior, save us.

**Second Antiphon (Psalm 114:1):**



I love the Lord be-cause he will hear my voice in sup - li - ca - tion.



O Son of God, bap - tized by John in the Jor - dan, save us who

sing to you. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

**Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1)**

Come, let us sing joyful-ly to the Lord; let us ac-claim God our Sav - ior!

O Son of God, bap - tized by John in the Jor - dan, save us who

sing to you. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

**Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6)**

Come, let us wor - ship and bow be - fore Christ: O Son of God,

bap - tized by John in the Jor - dan, save us who sing to you:

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Troparion of Theophany - Tone 1**

At your bap - tism in the Jor-dan, O Lord, wor-ship of the

Trin - i - ty was re-vealed; for the Fa - ther's voice bore wit - ness to you, calling

**Irmos - Tone 2 samopodoben**

Ev-'ry tongue is at a loss to fit-ting-ly ac-claim you; and e-ven  
 a supernat-u-ral mind is o-ver-whelmed - when it glorifies you, O The-o-to - kos.  
 But in your good-ness ac-cept our faith, since you recog-nize our god - ly love.  
 You are the intercessor for Christ - ians, and we ex - tol you.

**Communion Hymn of Theophany (Titus 2:11):**

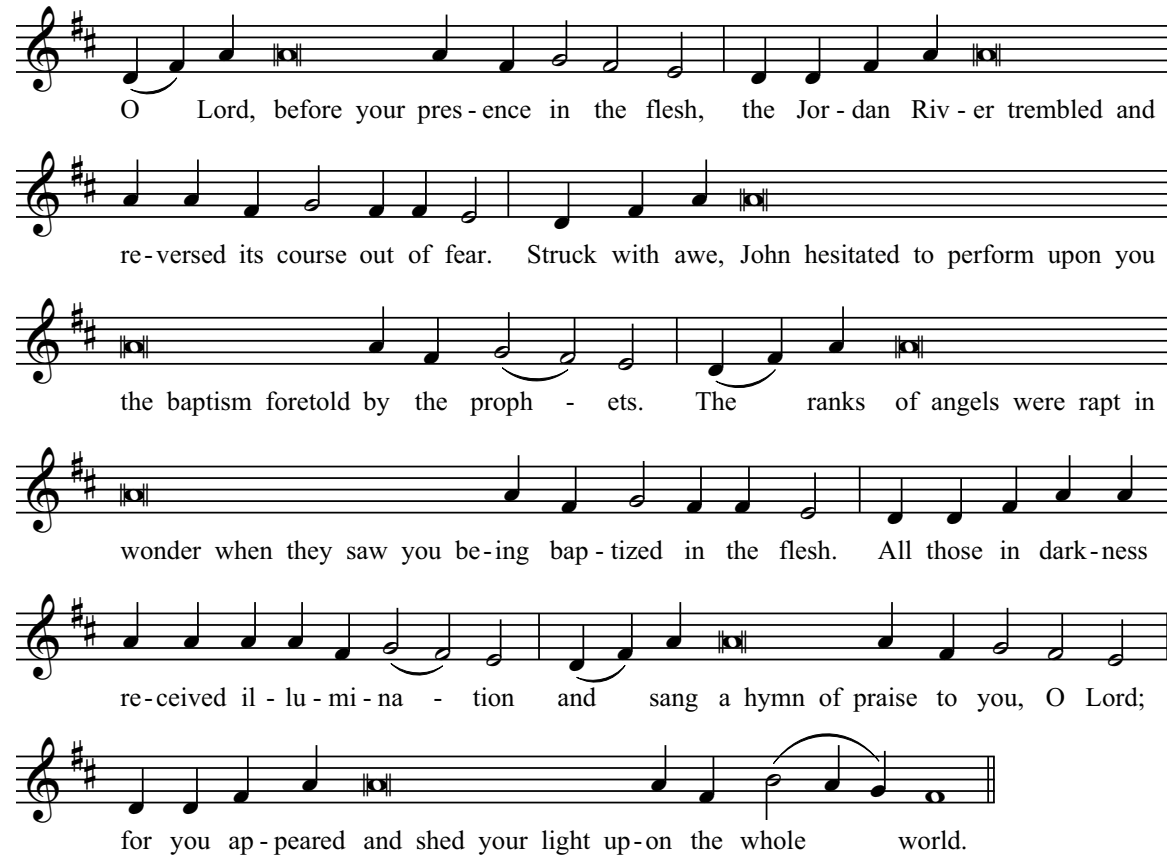
The sav - ing grace of God has ap - peared to all. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

you his be - lov - ed Son, and the Spir - it in the form of a dove  
 con - firmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, you ap-peared and enlightened the  
 world. Glo - ry to you!

**Troparion of the Synaxis - Tone 2**

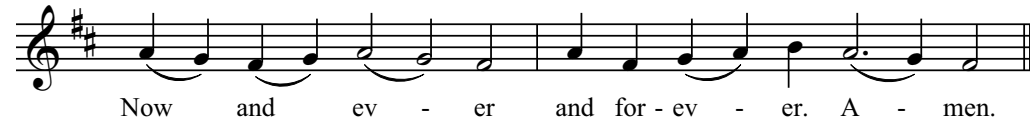
O proph - et, forerunner, and dwell - er in the des - ert, you heard the di - vine  
 voice of the Fa - ther, you were deemed wor - thy to bap - tize the Son and Lord,  
 and you were a witness of - the Ho - ly Spir - it. Hav - ing pro - claimed the  
 bap - ti - sm of re - pent - ance, now ask for us the for - give - ness of sins,  
 that through your prayers we may receive the great mer - cy of Christ our God.  
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Kontakion of the Synaxis - Tone 6**



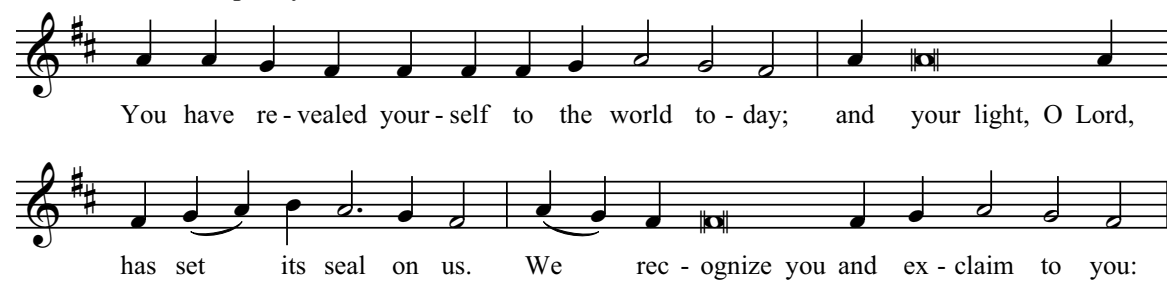
O Lord, before your pres-ence in the flesh, the Jor-dan Riv-er trembled and re-versed its course out of fear. Struck with awe, John hesitated to perform upon you the baptism foretold by the proph - ets. The ranks of angels were rapt in wonder when they saw you be-ing bap-tized in the flesh. All those in dark-ness re-ceived il - lu - mi - na - tion and sang a hymn of praise to you, O Lord; for you ap-peared and shed your light up-on the whole world.

*Cantor*

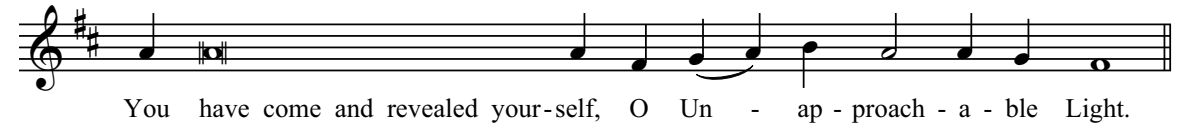


Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion of Theophany - Tone 4**

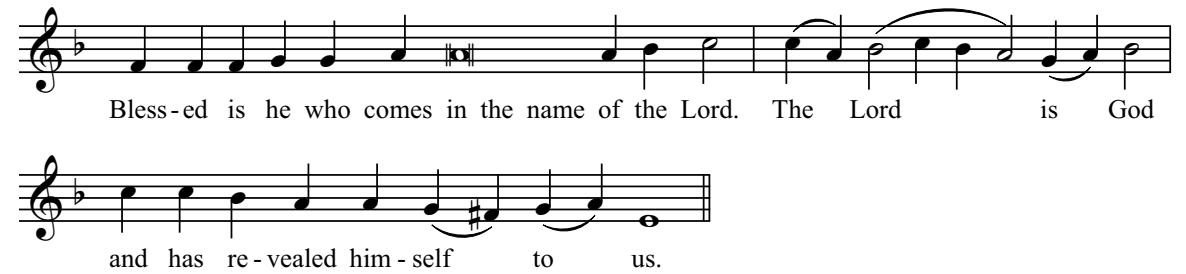


You have re-vealed your-self to the world to-day; and your light, O Lord, has set its seal on us. We rec - ognize you and ex - claim to you:



You have come and revealed your-self, O Un - ap - proach - a - ble Light.

**Prokeimenon of Theophany - Tone 4 (Psalm 117: 26, 27, 1):**



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has re-vealed him - self to us.

*Verse:* Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

**Alleluia of Theophany - Tone 4 (Psalm 28:1-3):**



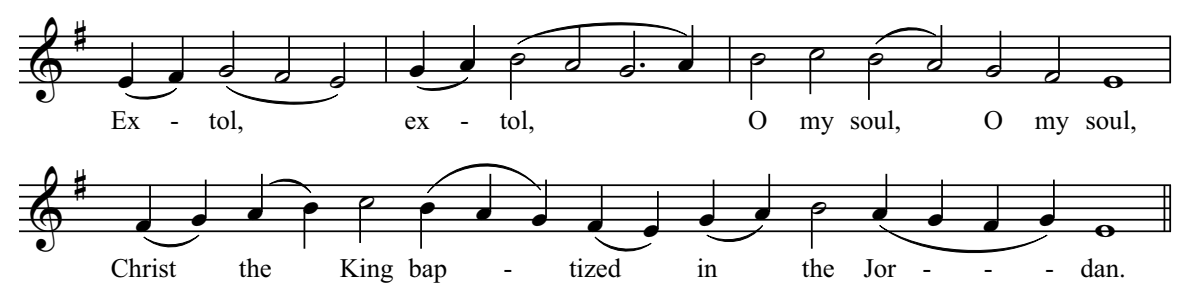
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* Bring to the Lord, you sons of God, bring to the Lord glory and honor.

*Verse:* The voice of the Lord over the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord over many waters.

*Instead of "It is truly proper..."*

**Magnification**



Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul, Christ the King bap - tized in the Jor - - - dan.