

con - firmed the truth of these words. O Christ God, you ap-peared and enlightened the
 world. Glo - ry to you!

The service concludes with the Dismissal, p. 21.

Vesper Propers, January 7

Synaxis of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms Tone 2, p. 36

Bring my soul out of this prison *
 and then I shall praise **your** name.

Around me the just will assemble *
 because of your goodness **to** me.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; *
 Lord, hear **my** voice!

Let your ears be attentive *
 to the voice of **my** pleading.

Cantor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Tone 2 samohlasen

When the Fore - runner saw the One who is our en - light - en - ment,
 the One who has brought light to all, com - ing to be bap - tized,
 his heart re - joiced and his hand trem - - - bled. He point - ed
 him out to the peo - ple and said: This is the Sav - ior of Israel
 who delivered us from cor - rup - tion. O Christ our God, O Sin-less

One, glo - - ry to you!

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

O our Sav - ior, the army of an - gels trem - bled when they saw you
 bap-tized by your serv - ant, and the Ho - ly Spir - it bearing wit-ness and
 de - scen-ding, and when they hear the voice of the Fa-ther speak - ing from
 heav - en: "This One up - on whom the Fore-run - ner lays his hands
 is my be - lov - ed Son in whom I am well - pleased. O Christ our
 God, glo - - - ry to you!

Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

When the Jor - dan River re - ceived you, O Foun - tain - head, the

Troparia

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.

Cantor: *(Tone 1)* Glory...now and ever...

Troparion of the 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
 you his be - lov - ed Son, and the Spir - it in the form of a dove

the hearts of those baptized in re - pent - ance that they may re - ceive
e - ter - nal life, O bless - ed Proph - et, in - spired by God.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Let us imitate the wise vir - gins; come, let us go to meet the Master who is
now pres - ent, for he approaches John as a Bride - groom. When the Jor - dan
saw him, it bowed down in fear and stopped; John spoke out, saying: I am unworthy
to touch your im - mor - tal head. The spirit descended in the form of a dove and
sanc - ti - fied the wa - ters, and a voice was heard from on high: This is my Son
who comes into the world to save all. O Lord, glo ry to you!

Com - fort - er descended in the form of a dove. Now be - hold the mar - vel:
the One who bowed the heavens bows his head to the Fore - run - ner,
and the one made of clay cries out to his Mak - er: "Why do you
com - mand me to perform what is be - yond my pow - er? It is
I who need to be bap - tized by you." O Christ our God, O
Sin - less One, glo - - - ry to you!

Cantor: *(Tone 1)* Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Stichera of the Synaxis - Tone 1 podobn: Prechvalnii mučenicy

O Christ, the Fore - run - ner saw you com - ing to him and ask - ing for bap - ti - sm
With trem - bling he cried out: Why do you command me to do that which is beyond

my power, O all-pow - er - ful Lord? How am I to touch you with my hand,
 since you pre-serve all things with your hand? Ra-ther you should bap-tize me, your
 serv - - - ant.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

I man - i - fest myself as com-plete - ly hu - man. I who am rich have
 will-ing - ly be-come poor, so that I may enrich with in - cor - rup - tion
 and de - liv-'rance all the poor. Come! Bap - tize the One who is not subject
 to cor - rup - tion and who frees the world from de - cay.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

The Fore-run-ner said to the Cre - a - tor: For my part I am held back,

In re-sponse, John said: What creature can see the Sun be - ing cleansed,
 or who can see stripped the One who clothes the heav - ens with the clouds;
 who can see the Creator of springs and rivers coming in-to the wa - ters?
 O Mas-ter, I mar - vel at your inef-fa - ble prov - i - dence.
 Do not bur - den your serv - ant with such awe - some com-mands.

Cantor: *(Tone 4)* Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 4 samohlasen

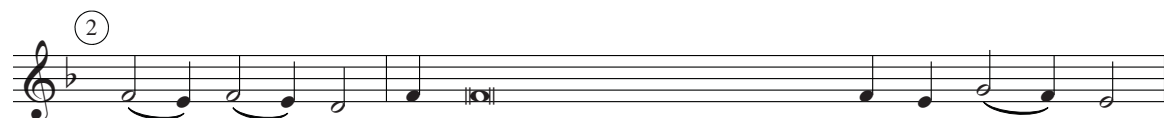
As a lover of the Holy Spirit, O Fore-run - ner, and as a swallow sweetly singing of
 di - vine grace, you have made known to all peo - ple the plan of
 sal - va-tion of their King. He glo - riously came forth from the Pure One for the
 re - new - al of all. He takes away their en - cient sad - ness and re - forms



you have raised us up and we are glo - ri - fied.



The sea fled at the sight; the Jor-dan turned back on its course.



Come to me; for on this day, I fulfill the mystery of sal - va - tion,



said the Sav - ior of the universe to the Fore - run - ner. Serve with fear



and do not be ter - ri-fied, be-cause I am renewing Adam who was crushed by sin.



Though I am un-de-filed by na - ture, I am bap-tized in the wa-ters of the Jor - dan.



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



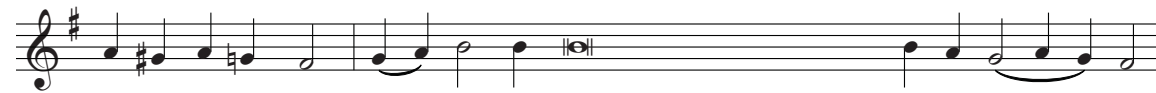
your course?



and I do not know where to flee. O gen - erous One, you are the riv-er



of de-light. How is it, therefore, that the streams of the river receive you



as you en-ter them? To all those who venerate your holy man-i - fes - ta - tion,



you pour out sal - va - tion, O Word!

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 6



O Lu - minary in the flesh and Forerunner of the Sav-ior, O off-spring of the



bar-ren one, O friend, by leap-ing in the womb you a-dored the One who



is born of the Vir - gin; and you baptized him in the waters of the Jor - dan.



O proph - et, we pray to you: Im-plore him that we may es-cape the



fu - ture tor - ments.

Cantor: Now and ever...

God the Word manifested himself in the flesh to the hu - man race.

He stood in the Jordan to be bap - tized, and the Fore - run-ner said to him:

How can I extend my hand and touch the head of him who gov-erns all things?

E - ven though you were an infant born of Mar - y, I know that you are

the e - ter - nal God. You are praised by the Seraphim and yet you walk on earth;

and the servant has not learned how to bap-tize the Mas - ter. O in - ef - fa - ble

Lord, glo - ry to you!

But if it is Friday evening, then sing Now and ever... in the tone of the week, followed by the Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week, from Saturday evening.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12.

Great Prokeimenon of Theophany - Tone 7 (Psalm 113:11):

But our God is in the heav - ens; he does what ev - er

he wills; he does what ev - er he wills.

Verse: When Israel came forth from Egypt, Jacob's sons from an alien people,
Judah became the Lord's temple.

Verse: The sea fled at the sight;
the Jordan turned back on its course.

Verse: Why was it, sea, that you fled?
that you turned back, Jordan, on your course?

The service continues with the Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13.

Aposticha

Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenije

① O Mas - ter, when John the Forerunner saw you com-ing to him, he was a-mazed.

As a faith - ful servant he cried out with fear: O Sav - ior, with what humility

and lowliness have you clothed your - self? Since you are com - pas - sion - ate,

you have clothed your-self in our flesh; and by the rich-ness of your kind - ness,