

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25, 2006

Leavetaking of the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist.

The holy venerable martyr Febronia, a young nun in her twentieth year, was a victim of the persecution of Diocletian in Sybapolis in Syria. (310)

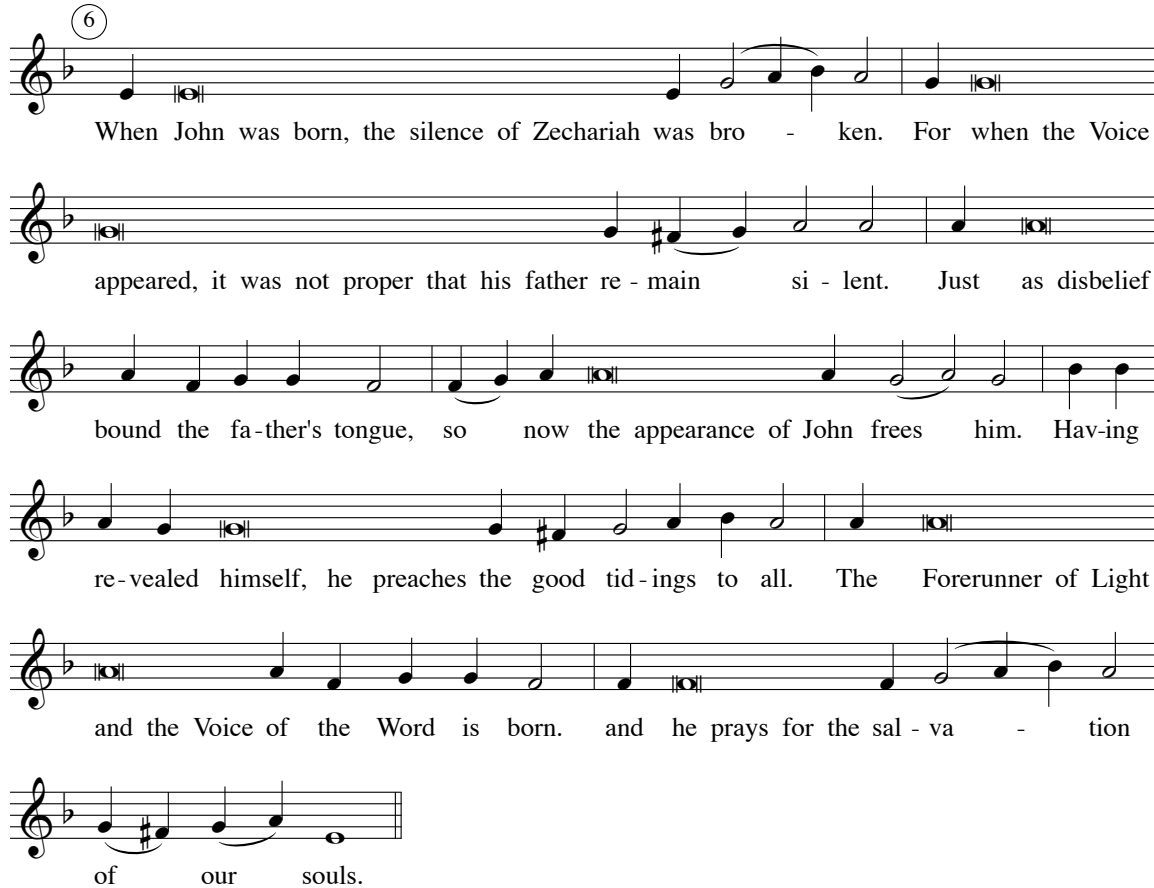
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Tone of the Week: Tone 2 (begins on page 36) stichera 10-7

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.

Stichera of John the Baptist - Tone 4

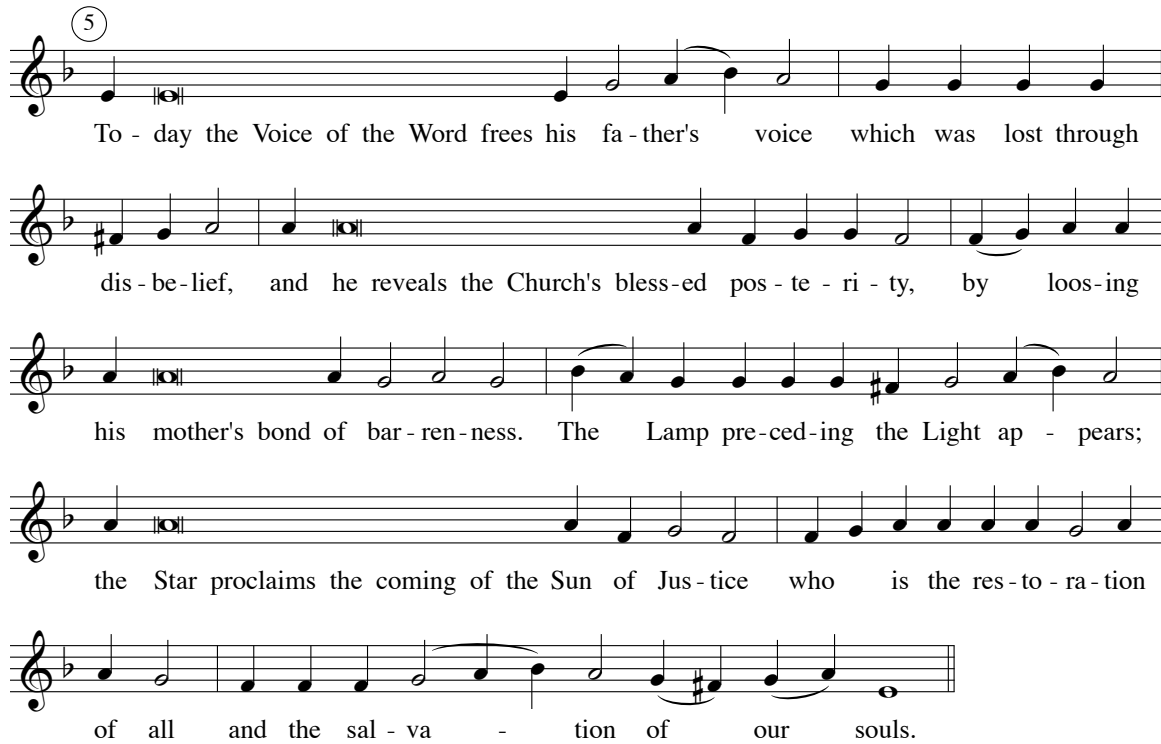
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When John was born, the silence of Zechariah was bro - ken. For when the Voice
appeared, it was not proper that his father re - main si - lent. Just as disbelief
bound the fa-ther's tongue, so now the appearance of John frees him. Hav-ing
re-vealed himself, he preaches the good tid-ings to all. The Forerunner of Light
and the Voice of the Word is born. and he prays for the sal - va - tion
of our souls.

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

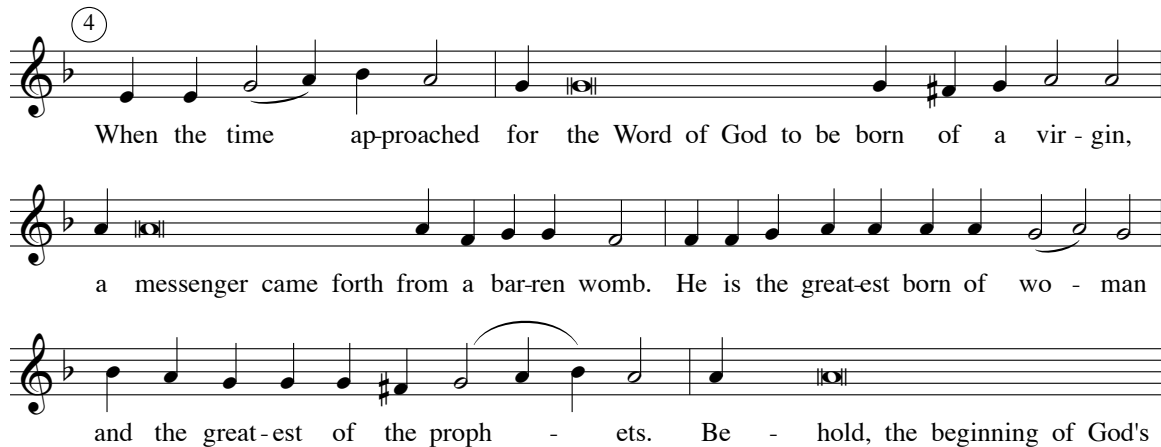
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To - day the Voice of the Word frees his fa - ther's voice which was lost through
dis - be - lief, and he reveals the Church's bless - ed pos - te - ri - ty, by loos - ing
his mother's bond of bar - ren - ness. The Lamp pre - ced - ing the Light ap - pears;
the Star proclaims the coming of the Sun of Jus - tice who is the res - to - ra - tion
of all and the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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

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When the time ap - proached for the Word of God to be born of a vir - gin,
a messenger came forth from a bar - ren womb. He is the great - est born of wo - man
and the great - est of the proph - ets. Be - hold, the beginning of God's



actions is beyond our un - der - stand - ing. You were be - got - ten e - ter - nal - ly,



and con - ceived, O Lord, with - out seed. You work wonders for our sal - va - tion.



Al - might - y Lord, glo - ry to you.

Cantor: 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 Holy Venerable Martyr Febronia

*Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenije
(Samohlasen settings begin on page x)*



Il - lus - tri - ous Fe - bro - ni - a, you suffered a passion in keeping with the dis - ci - pline



you had kept, for you min - gled the blood of mar - tyr - dom with the sweat



of as - cet - i - cism. Thus you gained the dou - ble crown giv - en to you by your




Ben - e - fac - tor. Splen - did - ly a - dorned by it, you went up as both



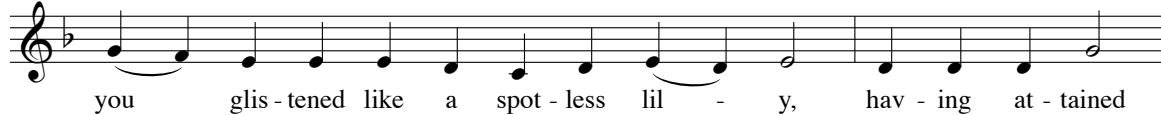
spot - less vir - gin and as mar - tyr victorious in com - bat.

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

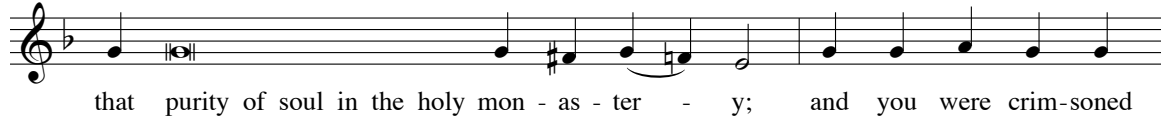
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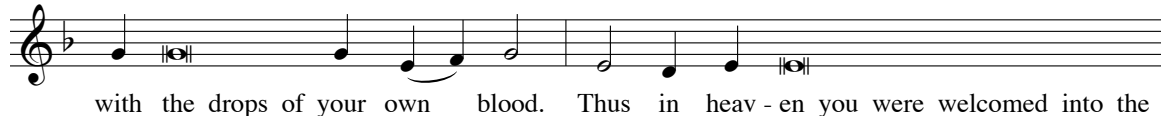
The beau-ty of your bod - y was matched by the divine splen-dor of your soul;




you glis - tened like a spot - less lil - y, hav - ing at - tained




that purity of soul in the holy mon - as - ter - y; and you were crim-soned



with the drops of your own blood. Thus in heav - en you were welcomed into the



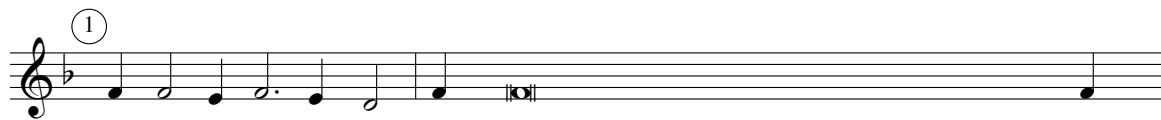
bri - dal cham - ber, the in - de - struc - ti - ble pal - ace, as a




vir - gin and mar-tyr, and a spot - less bride.

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

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The an - gel of the Lord en - camped around you and delivered you, O won-drous



Fe-bro - ni - a; from in - fan - cy you feared the Lord, and you were



kept as an acceptable offering for the Al-might - y. Thus you tram-pled underfoot



the folly of Se - le - nus. Hav - ing been crowned, you went up to Christ, your



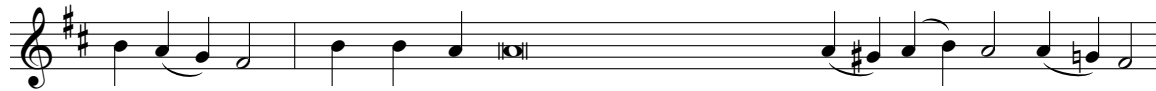
Bride - - - groom.

Cantor: Glory...

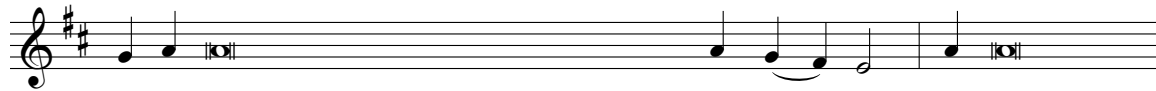
Doxastikon of John the Baptist - Tone 6 samohlasen



E - liz - abeth carried the Fore-run-ner of grace, and the Virgin carried the Lord



of glo - ry. When the moth-ers greeted each other, the in - fant leapt for joy



for e - ven within the womb, the servant praised the Mas - ter. The mother of the



Forerunner was a-mazed and cried out: "How have I deserved that the mother of my



Lord has come to me?" Glo-ry to Him who with great mer-cy saves a



de - spair - ing peo - - - ple.

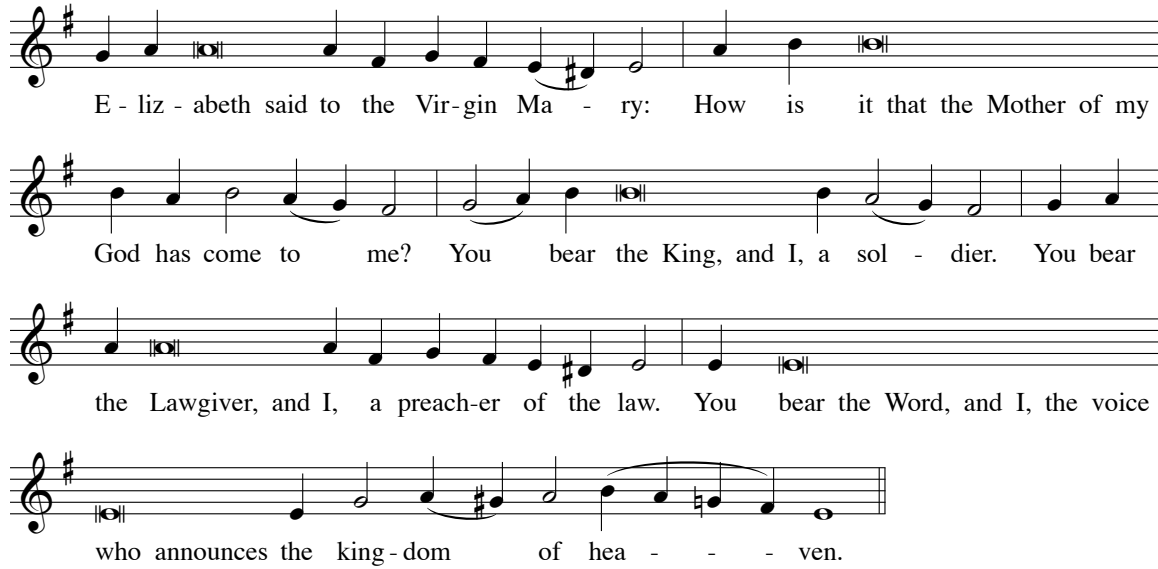
Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 2, p. 42

Aposticha, Tone 2, p. 43

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

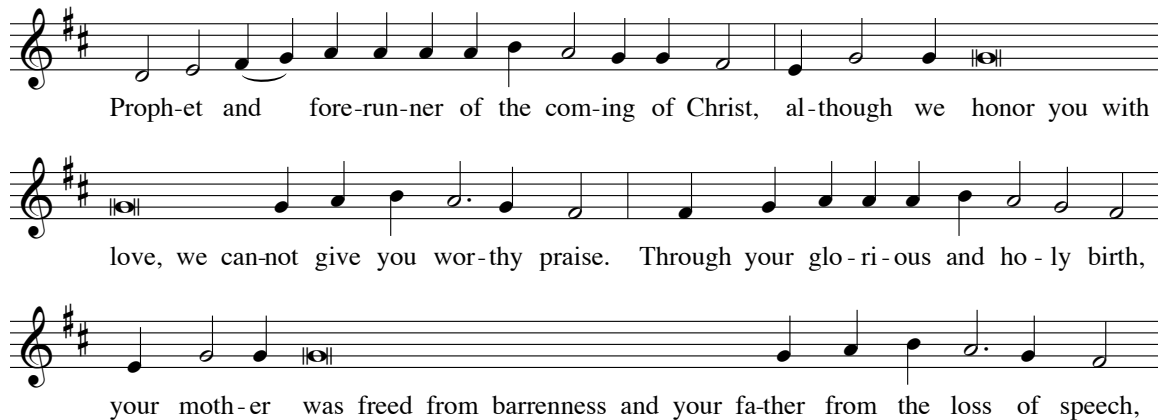
Theotokion - Tone 8



E - liz - abeth said to the Vir - gin Ma - ry: How is it that the Mother of my
God has come to me? You bear the King, and I, a sol - dier. You bear
the Lawgiver, and I, a preach - er of the law. You bear the Word, and I, the voice
who announces the king - dom of hea - - - ven.

Troparion, Tone 2, p. 47

Troparion of John the Baptist - Tone 4



Proph-et and fore-run-ner of the com-ing of Christ, al-though we honor you with
love, we can-not give you wor-thy praise. Through your glo-ri-ous and ho-ly birth,
your moth-er was freed from barrenness and your fa-ther from the loss of speech,



and the incarnation of the Son of God is pro - claimed to the world.

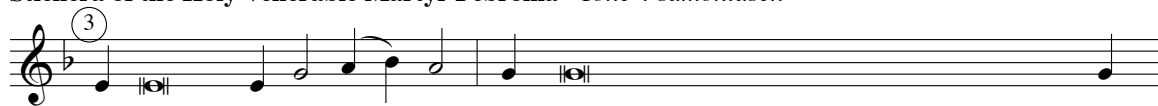
Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 68

Samohlasen settings

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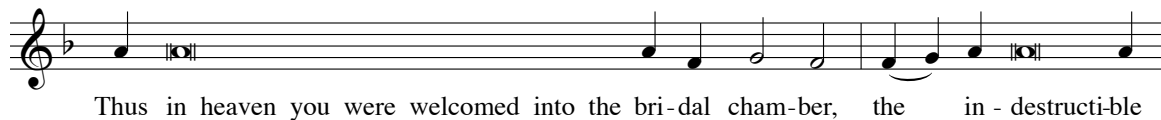
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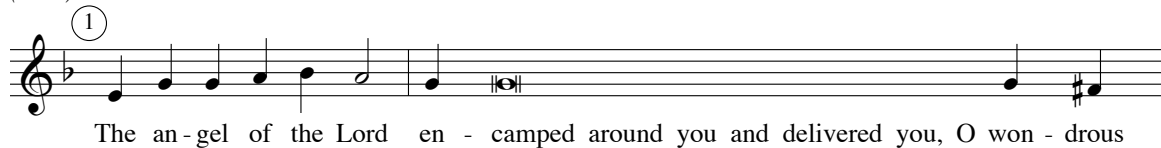


Thus in heaven you were welcomed into the bri-dal cham-ber, the in - destructi-ble



pal - ace, as a virgin and mar - - tyr, and a spot - less bride.

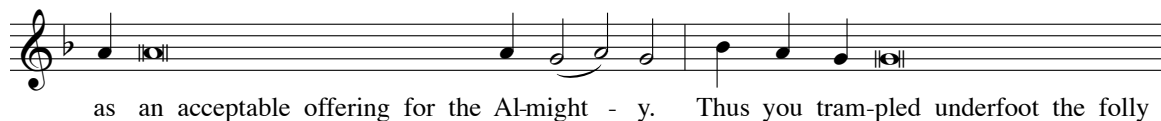
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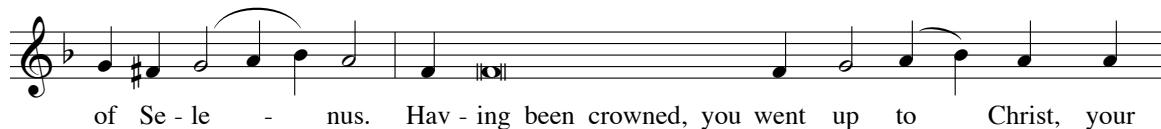
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The Doxastikon is found on page 5 of this insert.

