

Vesper Propers, Sunday, January 7, 2018
Synaxis of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John

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

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 82), stichera 10-5.

Cantor: (Tone 2) 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 the Theophany - Tone 2 samohlasen

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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.

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O our Sav - ior, the army of an - gels trem - bled when they saw you
 bap-tized by your ser - vant, and the Ho - ly Spirit bearing wit-ness and
 de - scend - ing, and when they heard 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.

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



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!

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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.

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

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

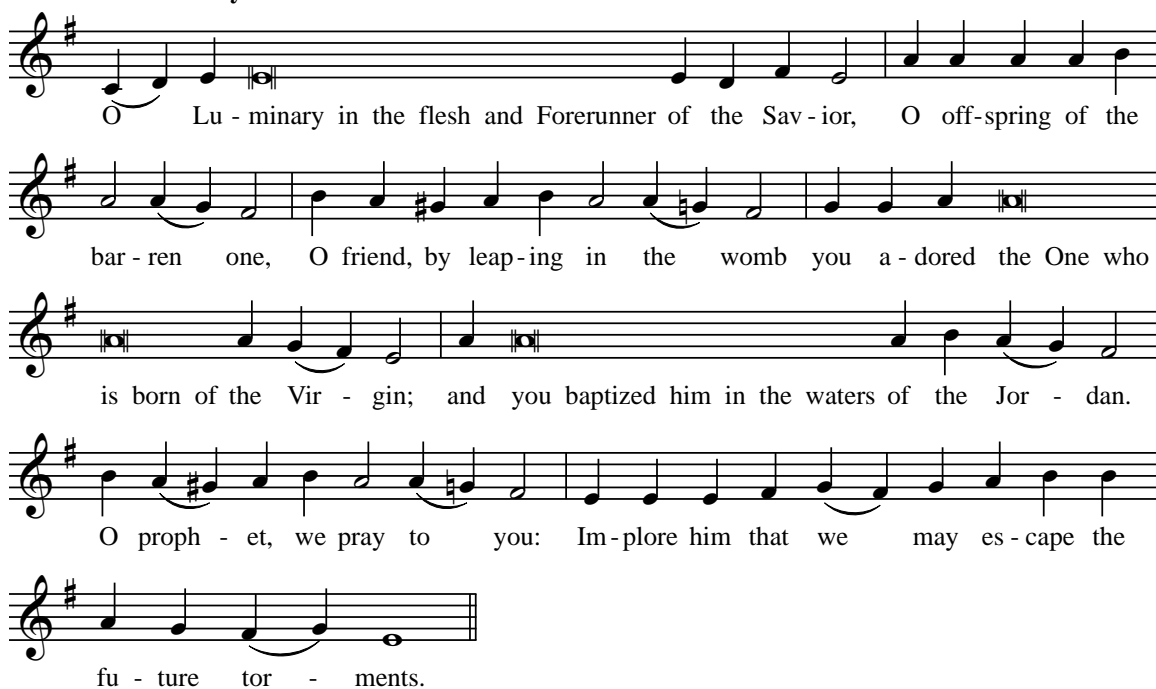
of de - light. How is it, there - fore, that the streams of the river receive you as you

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 of the Synaxis - Tone 6 samohlasen



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: (Tone 6) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 87).

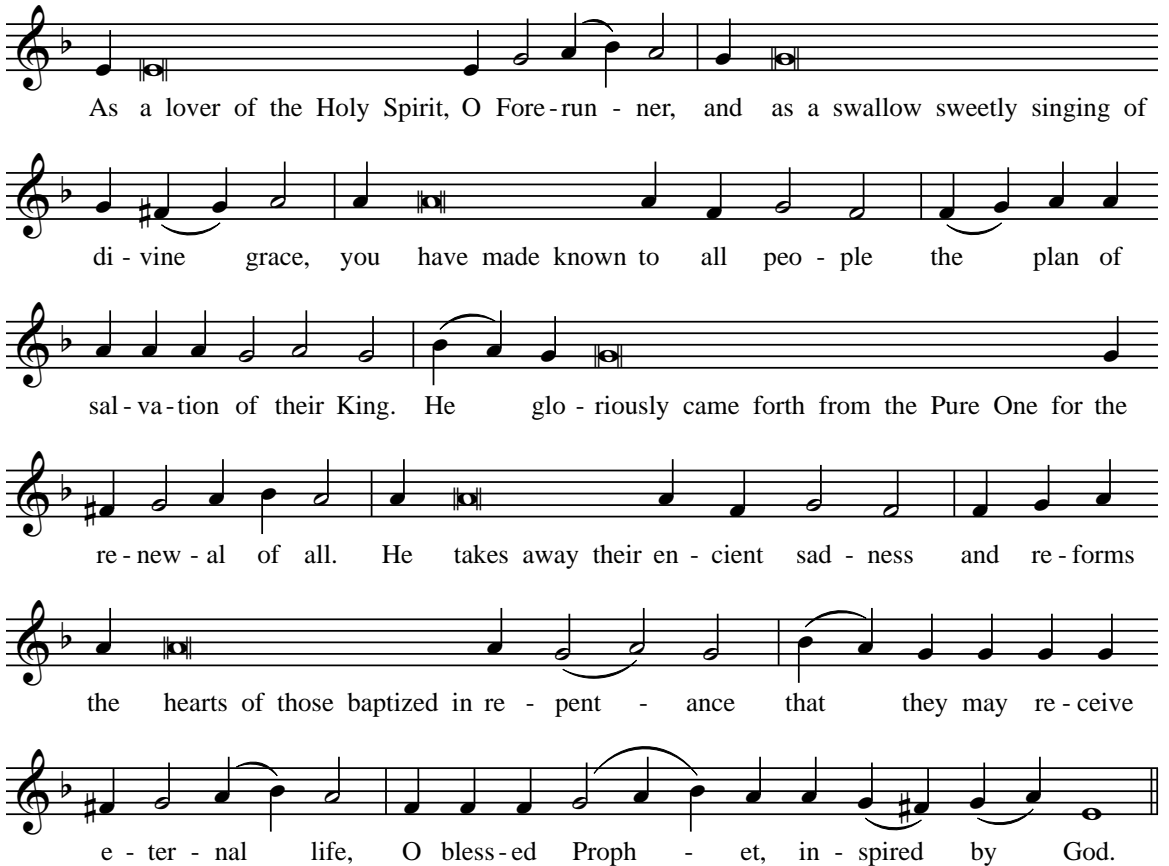
Prokeimenon of Saturday evening.

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 88), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory...

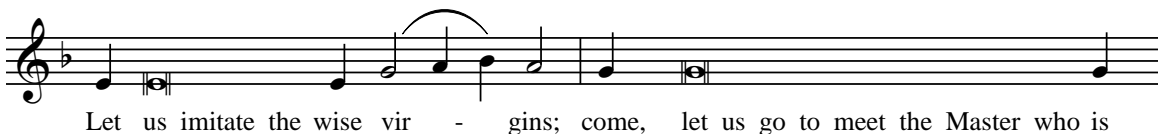
Aposticha doxastikon of the Synaxis of the Forerunner - Tone 4 samohlasen



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
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...

Theotokion - in the same tone



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!

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 91).

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

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

Cantor: (Tone 2) Glory... now and ever...

Troparion of the Synaxis of the Forerunner - 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.