

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.

**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**

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

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

## 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

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!

<sup>2</sup>  
 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.

<sup>1</sup>  
 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.*