

**Vesper Propers, June 25, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Leavetaking of the Feast of the Birth of 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, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 48), stichera 10-7.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) 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 samohlasen**

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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)

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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)

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When the time approached 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

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 57), then:*

### 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 in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 68).*

**Cantor:** (Tone 3) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).*

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

## Aposticha

*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, p. 54), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...now and ever...

**Aposticha doxastikon of John the Baptist - Tone 8 samohlason**

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.

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:** (Tone 4) 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 Febronja - Tone 4 podoben: Dal jesi znamenije**

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 di-vine splen-dor of your soul;  
you glis-tened like a spot-less lil - y, hav - ing at - tained

that pu-ri-ty 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:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon of John the Baptist - Tone 6 samohlafen**

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.