

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 2, 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 samohlase

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 Febronia - Tone 4 samohlase

Il - lustrious Fe - bro - ni - a, you suffered a passion in keeping with the disci - pline

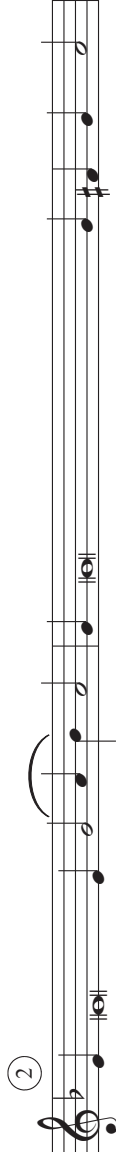
you had kept, for you mingled the blood of mar - tyr - dom with the sweat of

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

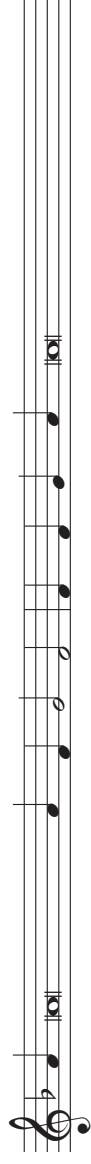
and as martyr vic - to - ri - ous in com - - - bat.

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



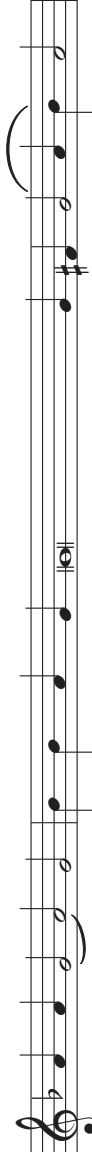
The beauty of your body was matched by the divine splendor of your soul;

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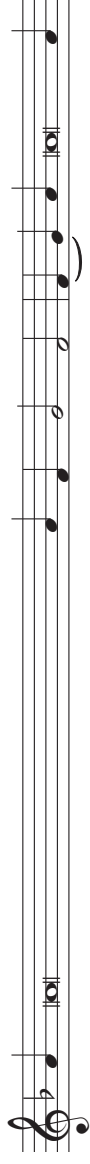
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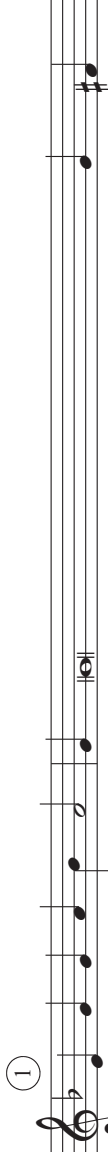
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palace, as a virgin and martyr, and a spotless bride.

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



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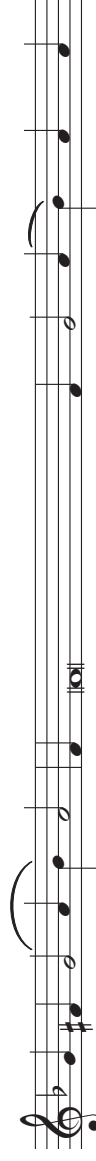
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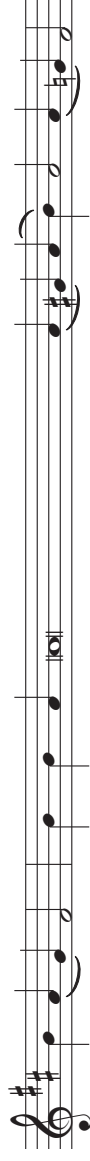
Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of John the Baptist - Tone 6 samohlasi



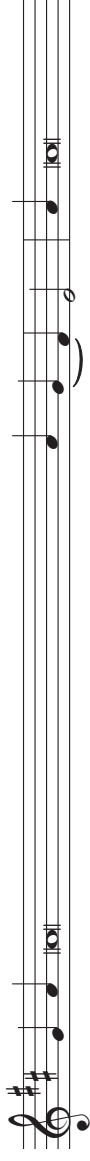
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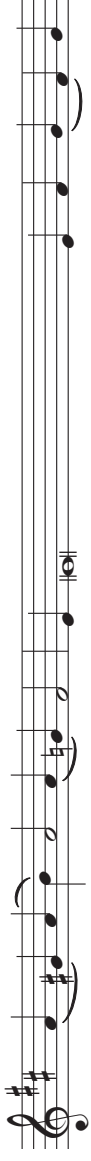
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