

Vigil Divine Liturgy, June 24*

The Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John, who, while still in the womb of his mother, was filled with the Holy Spirit. He exulted in joy at the coming of the salvation of humanity. His own birth foretold the Lord Christ. Such great grace shone forth in him, that the Lord himself said concerning him that no one born of woman was greater than John the Baptist.

Supplement for The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006

*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 4 (page 138). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

Tone 4 samohlasen

Cantor *(on 3)*

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,
Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the holy prophet and forerunner John - 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

* to be sung on the evening of June 23

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.

(on 2)
Cantor

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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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.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re - mem - bered for - e - ver;
e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear.
Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

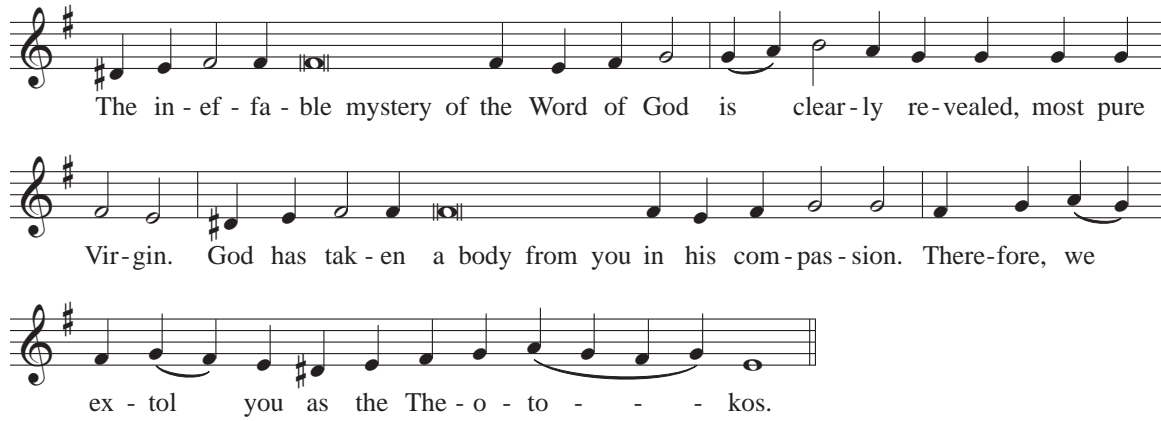
The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.

Troparion of the Nativity of the Forerunner - 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.

Irmos:

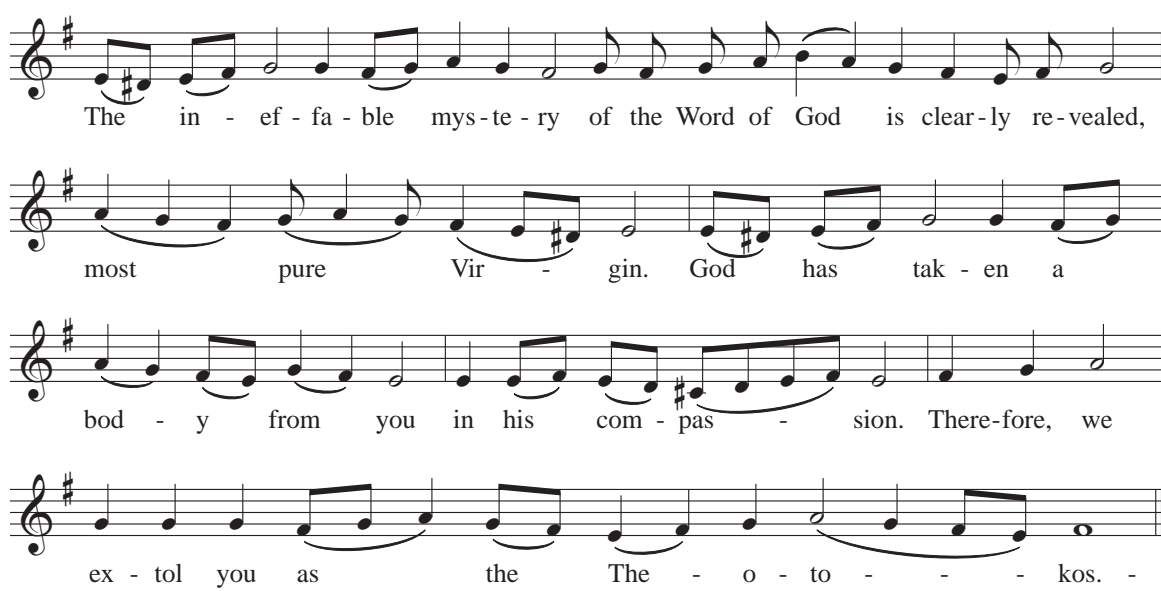
Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting



The in - ef - fa - ble mystery of the Word of God is clear - ly re - vealed, most pure
Vir - gin. God has tak - en a body from you in his com - pas - sion. There - fore, we
ex - tol you as the The - o - to - - - kos.

OR:

Tone 4 samopodoben



The in - ef - fa - ble mys - te - ry of the Word of God is clear - ly re - vealed,
most pure Vir - gin. God has tak - en a
bod - y from you in his com - pas - sion. There - fore, we
ex - tol you as the The - o - to - - - kos. -

(on 1)

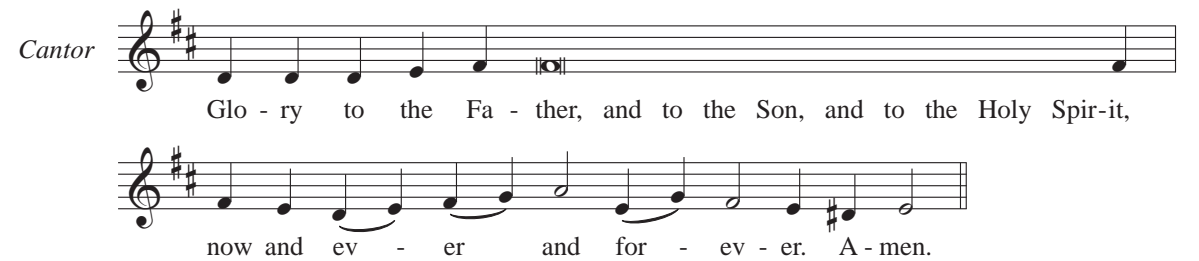
Cantor 

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

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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.

Tone 6 samohlasen

Cantor 

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Doxastikon of the holy prophet and forerunner John - Tone 6 samohlasen

To - day, like a shin-ing star, the Lamp prepares the way for the coming of the Word
of God. To-day Ze-cha-ri-ah speaks clear - ly, which ends the silence
imposed by the an - gel; for it was not right that the fa - ther of the Voice
should re - main in si - lence, once John was born from a bar - ren womb.
With great bold-ness he comes to an-nounce the great news of sal - va - tion for all
of the world.

As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.

*The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light".
The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121), and the following readings may
be chanted:*

- Readings:** Genesis 17: 15-17, 19; 18:11-14; 28: 1-2, 4-8 (EOT 318)
Judges 13: 2-8, 13-14, 17-18, 21
Isaiah 40: 1-3, 9; 41:17-18; 45: 8; 48-20-21; 54: 1 (EOT 319)

*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn
("Holy God") on page 27 of the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

Prokeimenon of the holy prophet and forerunner John - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2):

The just man will re-joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord
and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Alleluia of the holy prophet and forerunner John - Tone 1 (Luke 1:68,76):

Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has visited and brought redemption to his people.

Verse: And you, O child, will be called prophet of the Most High.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . .":

Magnification:

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul,
the ho - ly birth of John the Bap-tist and For - run - ner of Christ.