Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

Af-ter E-li-jah had been tak-en up, the Riv-er Jordan was parted in two
by E-li-sha's man-tle; and a dry path was opened in the wa ters
as an im-age of true bap-tis-m by which we pass be-yond this fleet-ing life.

Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanc-ti fy the wa ters.

What shall we call you, O full of grace? A hea-ven, for you have borne
the Sun of Jus-tice? A par-adise, for you have brought forth the Flower of

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im-mor-ta-li-ty? A vir-gin, for you have re-mained un-de-filed? A mo-ther, holding in her holy arms the Son who is God of all? In-tercede with him for the sal-va-tion of our souls.

Stichera

Stichera of the first Royal Hour of Theophany - Tone 8 samohlasen

To-day the nature of the wa-ters is sanc-ti-fied, and the Jor-dan is part-ed in two; it holds back the streams of its own wa-ters, see-ing the Mas-ter be-ing bathed.

Cantor

There-fore I think of you, from the country of Jordan and Mount Her-mon. The wa-ters saw you, O God the wa-ters saw you and trem-bled.

You have gone down into the river as a man, O Christ our King; and in your
good-ness, you has-ten to re-ceive the bap-tism of a servant at the hands of the Fore-run-ner for the sake of our sins, O good God and Lov-er of us all.

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

A her-al-d's voice cries out in the des-ert: Make read-y the way of the Lord!

And you have come, O Christ, taking the form of a serv-ant. You, the on-ly Sin-less One, ask to be bap-tized. The wa-ters see you and trem-ble; the Fore-runner is filled with awe and cries a-loud: How shall the lamp-stand
il - lu - mine the light? How shall the servant lay his hand up-on the Mas - ter?

O Sav - ior, who take away the sins of the world, sanc - ti - fy both me and the wa - ters.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 (Psalm 17: 14, 2-3)

The Lord thun - dered in the hea - - - - vens; the Most High let his voice be heard.

Verse: I love you, Lord my strength; my rock, my refuge, my Savior.

Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4

To - day the Lord appears in the Jor - dan's streams and cries out to John:

Do not be af - raid to bap - tize me, for I have come to save Ad - am, the first cre - a - ted.
Royal Hours of Theophany - Third Hour

Troparia

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4

After E - li - jah had been tak - en up, the Riv - er Jordan was parted in two

by E - li - sha's man - tle; and a dry path was opened in the wa - ters

as an im-age of true bap - tism by which we pass be-yond this fleet - ing life.

Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanc - ti - fy the wa - ters.


Cantor

Theotokion of the Third Hour - Tone 4

O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of Life;

there-fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede together with the
apos-tles and all the saints that we may ob-tain mer-cy for our souls.

Stichera

Stichera of the third Royal Hour of Theophany - Tone 8 samohlasen

The hand of the Forerun-ner and Bap-tist, John, the proph-et honored above all for-mer proph - ets, trem-bled when he saw the Lamb of God who takes a-way the sin of the world. Seized with an-guish, he cried out:

I do not dare to touch your head, O Word! O com-passionate Lord, your-self-

are able to sanctify and en-light-en me! For you, O Lord, are the life, the light,

and the peace of the world!

Tone 4 samohlasen

Therefore, I think of you, from the country of Jordan and Mount Her-mon.

The waters saw you, O God; the wa-ters saw you and trem-bled.

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Today, the Trinity, our God, has revealed itself indivisibly to us:

the Father bears his clear witness to his Son; the Spirit comes down from heaven in the form of a dove; the Son bows his spotless head before the Baptist;

being baptized, the Lover of Man-kind frees mankind from slavery.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and forever. Amen.

Lord, you have come to the Jordan in the flesh to be baptized as a man in order to save our souls, which had gone astray, and to save us from the cunning
and snares of the dragon, and the Holy Spirit descended upon you in the form of a dove. Take up your dwelling in our souls forever,

O compassionate Lord and Lover of us all!

Prokeimenon, Tone 6 (Psalm 76:17, 2)

The waters saw you; the waters saw you O God, and trembled; saw you, O God, and trembled.

Verse: With all my voice I cried to the Lord; I cried aloud to God and he heard me.

Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4

Today the Lord appears in the Jordan's streams and cries out to John:

Do not be afraid to baptize me, for I have come to save Adam, the first created.
Royal Hours of Theophany - Sixth Hour

Troparia

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

Troparion of the Vigil - Tone 4

Af-ter E-li-jah had been tak-en up, the Riv-er Jordan was parted in two
by E-li-sha's man-tle; and a dry path was opened in the wa-ters
as an im-age of true bap-tism by which we pass be-yond this fleet-ing life.

Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanc-ti-fy the wa-ters.

Cantor


Theotokion of the Sixth Hour - Tone 4

Since we have no one in whom to con-fide, be-cause of our many sins, O
Vir-gin The-o-to-kos, in-ter-cede with the one who was born of you;
for a mother's prayer is a powerful means for obtaining the Master's favor.

You are most worthy of venera - tion, so do not turn away from the pleading of us sinners; for the one who willed to suffer for our sake is full of mercy, and his power is sufficient to save us.

Stichera

Stichera of the sixth Royal Hour of Theophany - Tone 8 samohlasen

The Lord spoke to John: Come, O Prophet, and baptize me who created you, for I enlighten all men by grace and cleanse them! Touch my divine head and do not hesitate. O Prophet, give in for now. We must do this if we would fulfill all God's demands: Do not hold back, for I am eager to slay the enemy hidden in the waters, the prince of darkness,
that I may now deliver the whole world from his snares, granting it eternal life in my love!

Therefore I think of you, from the country of Jordan and Mount Hermon.

The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and trembled.

Today the prophecy of the psalms comes to its fulfillment: The sea fled at the sight; the Jordan turned back on its course before the face of the Lord, before the face of the God of Jacob, who comes to seek baptism from a servant, so that, washed clean from the defilement of idolatry, our souls might be illumined in him.
Glorify to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

Why is it, O Jordan, that you turn back your waters? Why do you stop your streams and not flow upon your normal course? And he replies: I cannot endure the consuming Fire! I am overcome with trembling before his extreme condescension! I am not accustomed to washing him who is already pure; I have never learned to cleanse the Sinless One, but rather to purify stained vessels. Christ, who has come to be baptized in me, teaches me to burn away the thorns of sin. John, the voice of the Word, bears witness with me.
and cries out: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

O faithful, let us cry aloud to him: O God, who are made manifest for our salvation: glory to you!

Your way led through the sea, your path through the mighty waters;

your path through the mighty waters.

Verse: Your thunder rolled round the sky

Kontakion of the Vigil - Tone 4

Today the Lord appears in the Jordan's streams and cries out to John:

Do not be afraid to baptize me, for I have come to save Adam, the first created.
Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

Af-ter E-li-jah had been tak-en up, the River Jordan was parted in two by E-li-sha's man-tle; and a dry path was opened in the wa-ters as an im-age of true bap-tis-m by which we pass be-yond this fleet-ing life.

Christ appeared at the Jordan to sanc-ti-fy the wa-ters.


For the sake of all you were born of the Vir-gin, and you en-dured the
cross, O Good One. You conquered Death by death and through your resurrection, you revealed yourself as God. Do not disdain those whom you have created with your own hands, but show forth your loving-kindness, O Merciful One. Accept the intercession which the Theotokos makes in our behalf. O our Savior, save a despairing people.

Stichera

Stichera of the ninth Royal Hour of Theophany - Tone 7 samohlasen

It is a strange wonder to see the Creator of the heavens and the earth standing naked in the river, waiting like a servant to receive baptism from a servant for our salvation. The angels in heaven were filled with awe and rejoicing in their
choirs. United with them, we bow down before you: Save us, O Lord our God!

Therefore I think of you from the country of Jordan and Mount Her-mon.

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled.

When he saw the Lord of Glory drawing near to him, the Fore-runner cried aloud at the sight: Behold, here comes the Savior who lifts the world from corruption! Behold, the One who delivers us from affliction!

Be - hold, the One who has come upon earth, born of a spot - less Vir - gin,
to grant us the remission of sins in his love! From the slaves that we are, he
makes us sons of God! He makes mankind arise from the darkness
in order to illuminate it through his divine Baptism! Come, then, together
let us glorify him with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

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

With your hand, you have touched the head of the Mas-ter! And with that hand,
you have shown him to us as our Sav-ioor. O Bap-tist, stretch that hand
out before him in pray'r on our be-half, for you have great boldness in his pres-ence.
For he bore witness to you as the greatest of the prophets.

With your eyes you saw the Holy Spirit descend upon him in the form of a dove. Lift those same eyes to him, O Baptist, that he might be merciful to us. Come and stand among us, come and stand among us, setting the seal upon our hymns and beginning our feast!

Prokeimenon, Tone 3 (Psalm 26:1)

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

Verse: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?
Today the Lord appears in the Jordan's streams and cries out to John:

Do not be afraid to baptize me, for I have come to save Adam, the first created.