

Thursday, June 24 Nativity of John the Baptist

Tropar, tone 4: O Prophet and forerunner of the coming of Christ, * in spite of our honour and devotion, we are unable to give you worthy praise. * Through your glorious and noble birth your mother's childlessness was ended, * and your father's tongue was freed, * and the incarnation of Son of God was proclaimed to the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak, tone 3: Today, she who was barren gives birth to the forerunner of Christ, * the fulfillment of all prophecy. * In the Jordan, John laid his hand upon Him whom the prophets foretold, * showing himself to be the Prophet, the Herald and Forerunner of the Word of God.

Prokimen, tone 7: The just man is glad in the Lord and takes refuge in him.

Verse: Hear, O God, my voice in my lament.

Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14: 4

Alleluia Verses: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel because he has visited and ransomed his people. And you, O child, shall be called prophet of the Most High.

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-25; 57-68; 76, 80

Instead of "It is truly right...": O my soul glorify birth of John, * the forerunner and baptizer of Christ. * O all-pure Virgin, the ineffable mystery of the Word of God * is clearly fulfilled in you. * In his compassion, God has become flesh through you. * Therefore, we extol you as Theotokos.

Communion Hymn: The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!