

**Vesper Propers, June 25, 2017**  
**Third 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 2, p. 36), 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) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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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) and Israel on the Lord.

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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

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 47), 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 father 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 2) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 2, page 42).*

### Aposticha

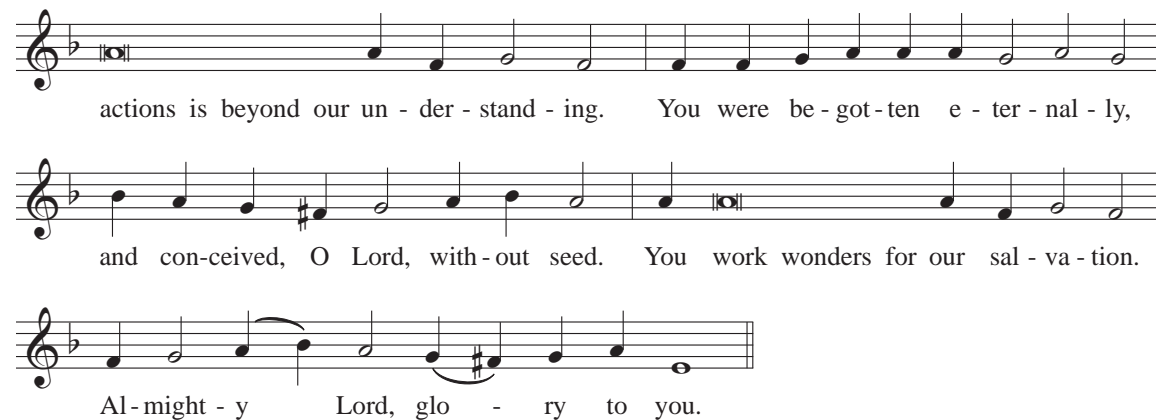
*Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 2, p. 43), concluding with:*

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

#### Aposticha doxastikon of John the Baptist - Tone 8 samohlasen



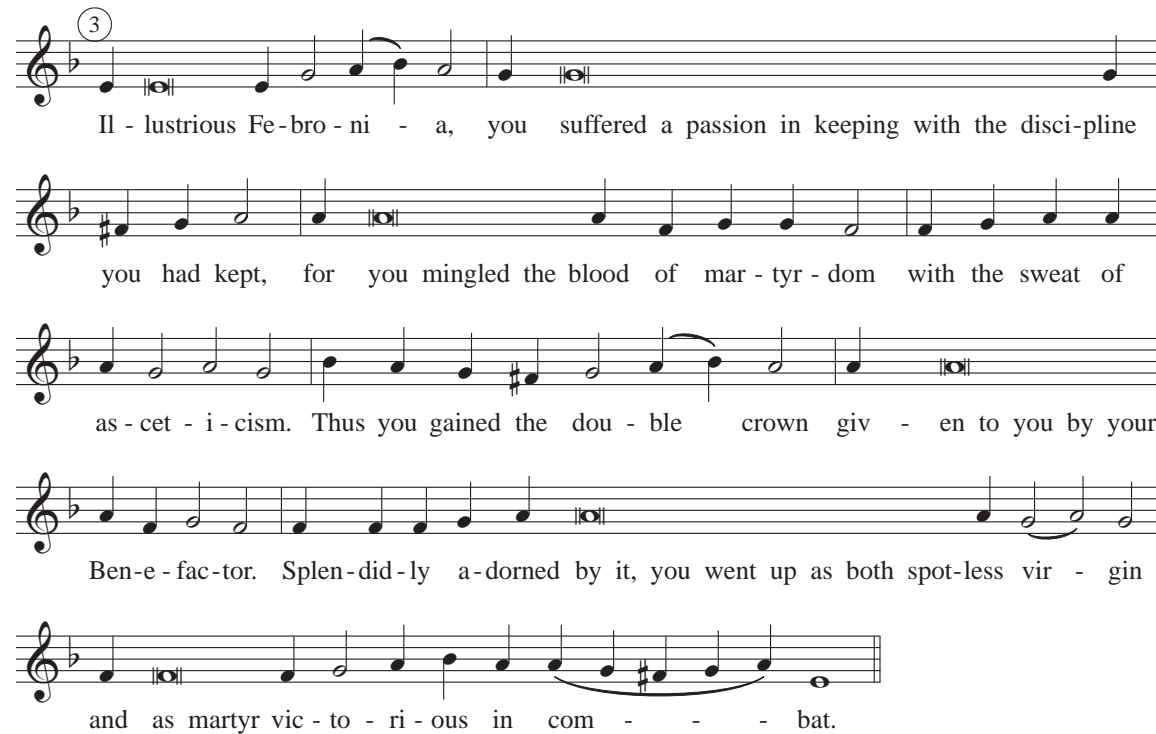
E - liz - abeth said to the Vir - gin Ma - ry: How is it that the Mother of my  
God has come to me? You bear the King, and I, a sol - dier. You bear  
the Lawgiver, and I, a preach - er of the law. You bear the Word, and I, the voice  
who announces the king - dom of hea - - - ven.



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.

**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.

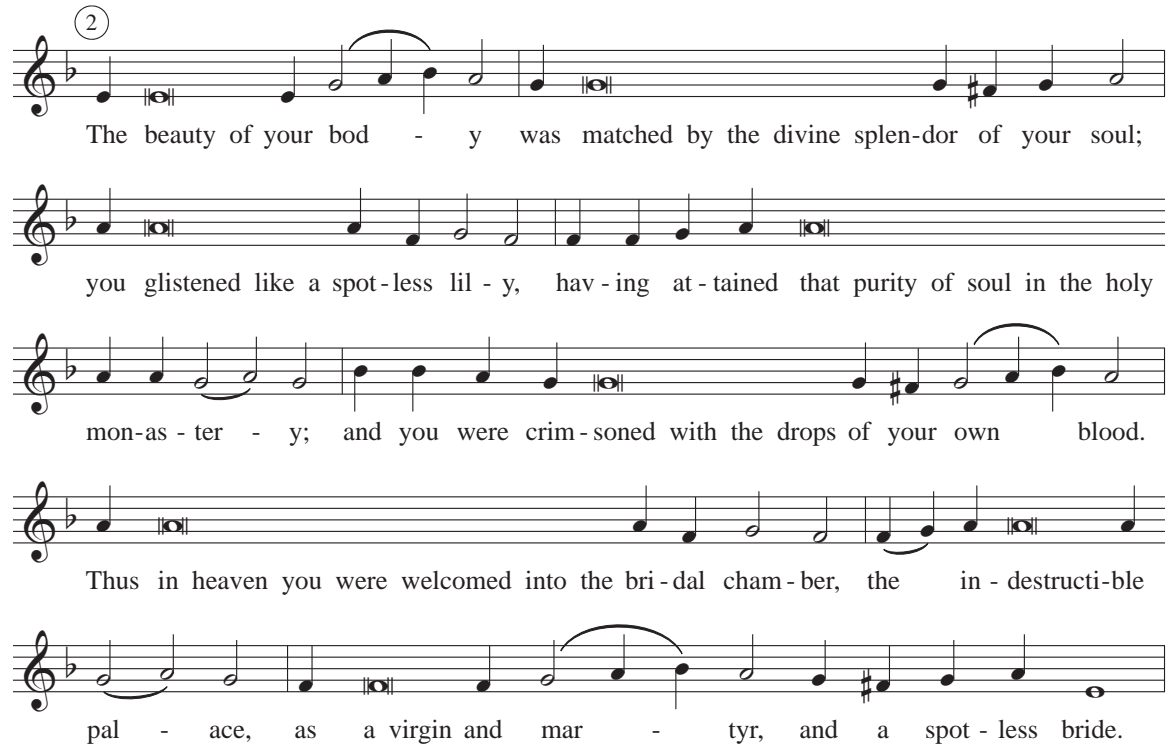
#### Stichera of the holy venerable martyr Febronia - Tone 4 samohlasen



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!

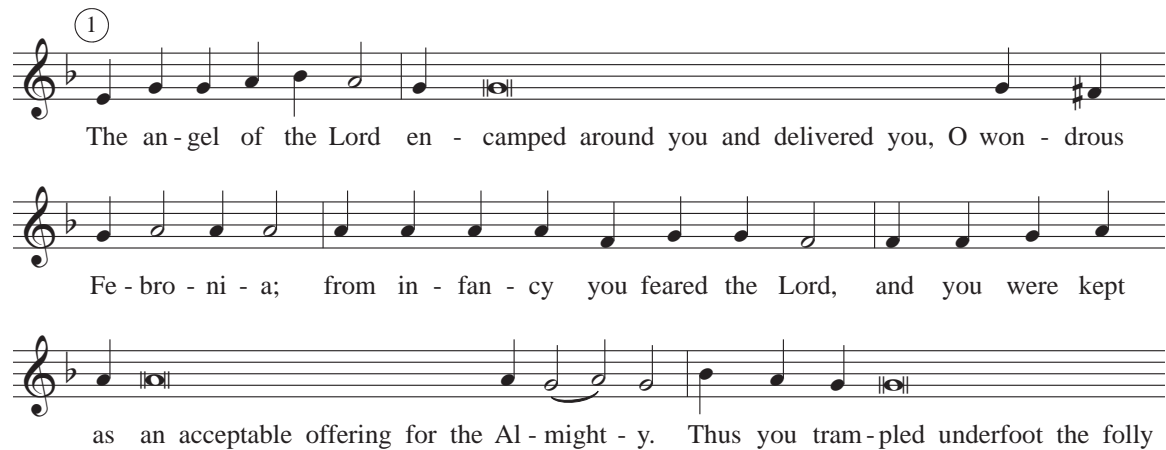
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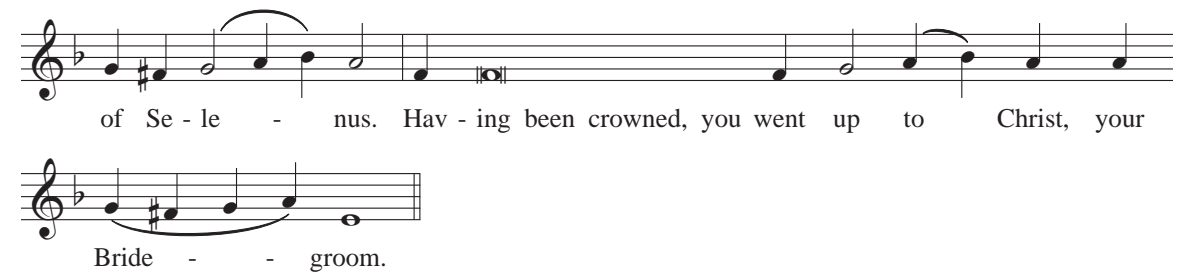
The beauty of your bod - y was matched by the divine splen-dor of your soul;  
you glistened like a spot-less lil - y, hav - ing at - tained that purity of soul in the holy  
mon-as - ter - y; and you were crim - soned with the drops of your own blood.  
Thus in heaven you were welcomed into the bri - dal cham - ber, the in - destructi - ble  
pal - ace, as a virgin 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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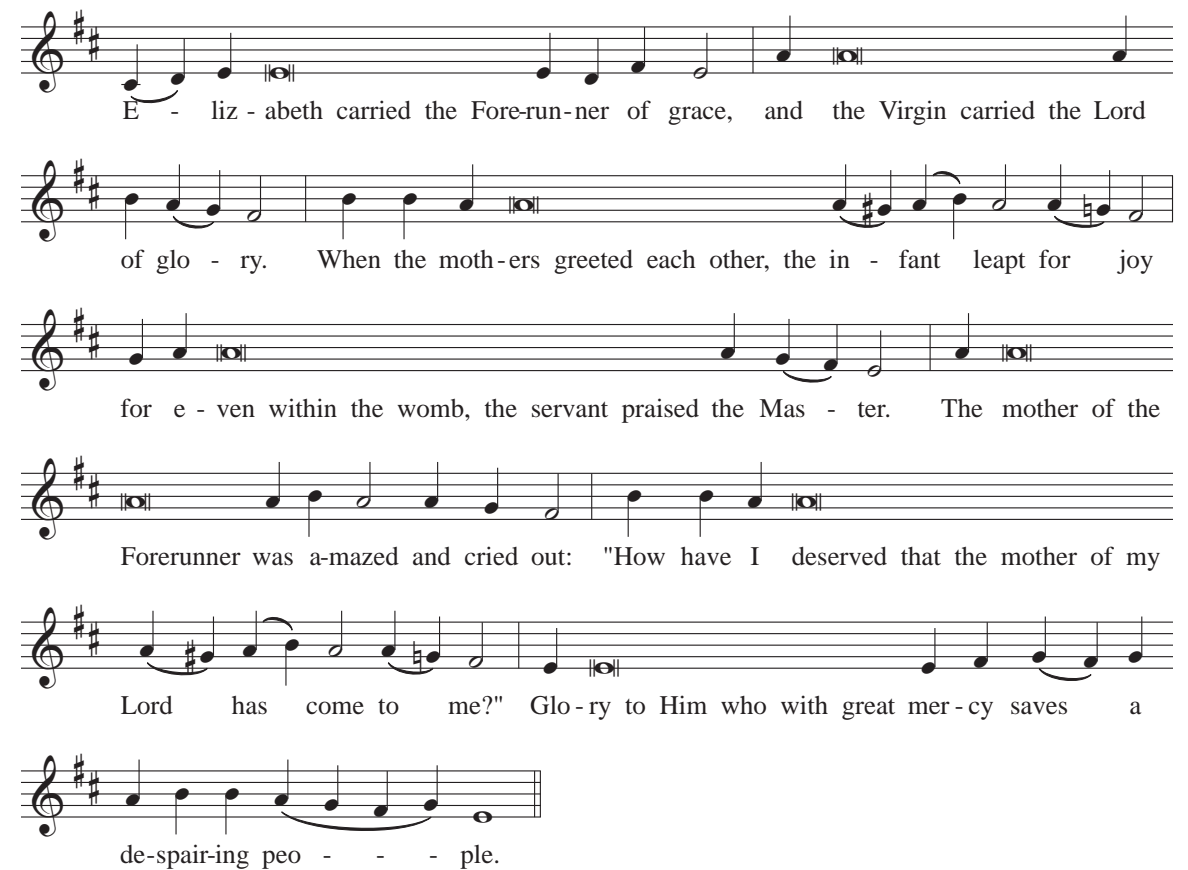
The an - gel of the Lord en - camped around you and delivered you, O won - drous  
Fe - bro - ni - a; from in - fan - cy you feared the Lord, and you were kept  
as an acceptable offering for the Al - might - y. Thus you tram - pled underfoot the folly



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 samohlasen**



È - 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.