

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.

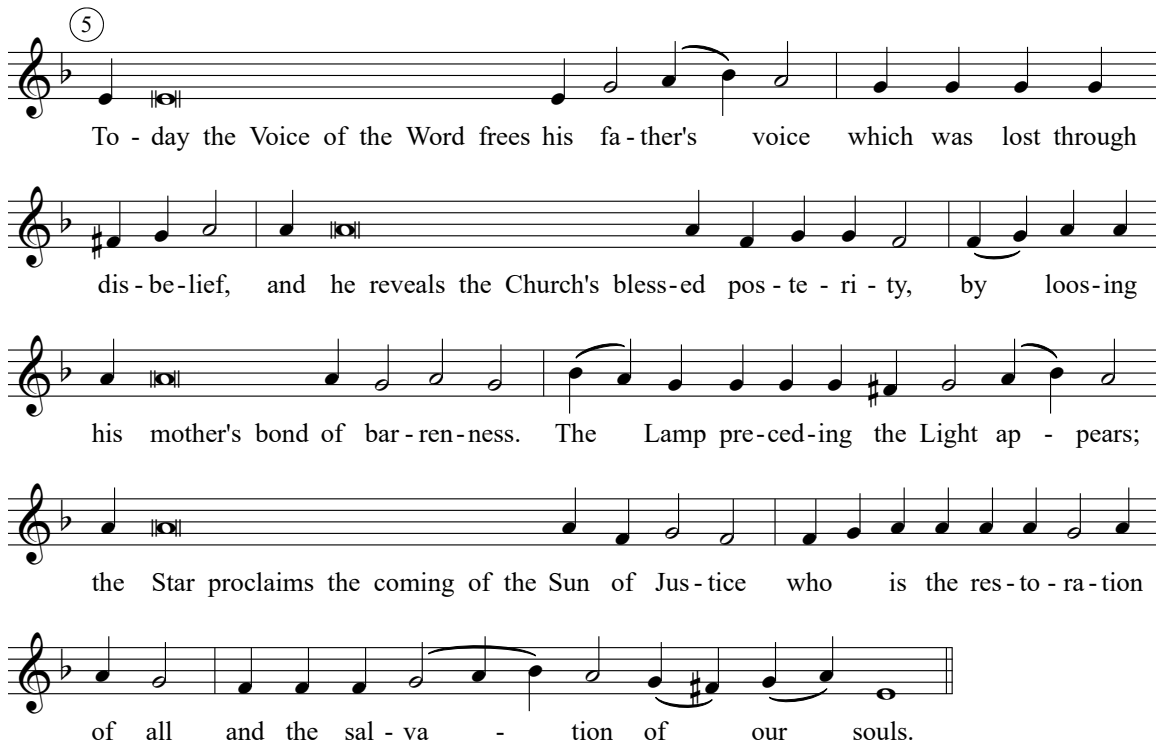
Stichera of John the Baptist - Tone 4 samohlasen

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When John was born, the silence of Zechariah was broken. For when the Voice
appeared, it was not proper that his father remain silent. Just as disbelief
bound the father's tongue, so now the appearance of John frees him. Having
revealed himself, he preaches the good tidings to all. The Forerunner of Light
and the Voice of the Word is born. and he prays for the salvation
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.

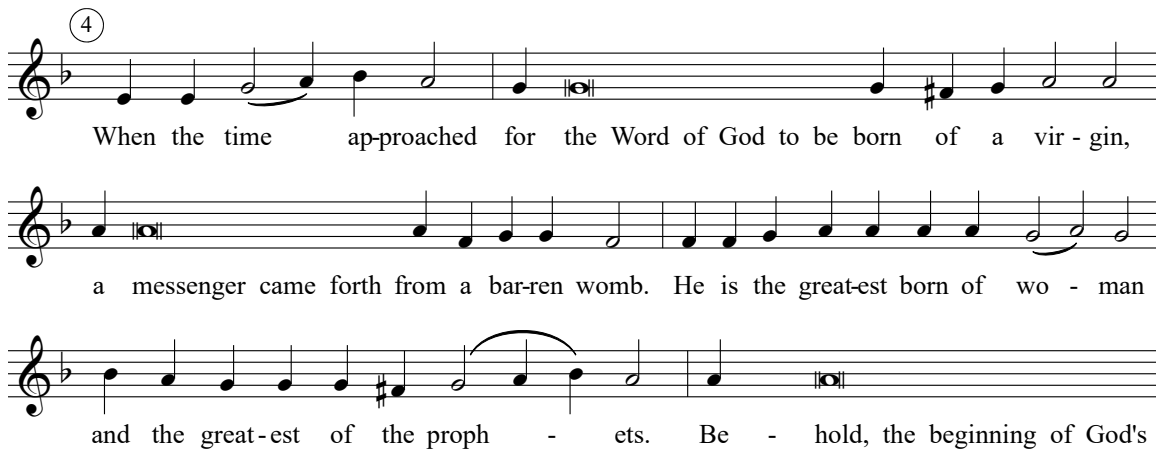
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To - day the Voice of the Word frees his fa - ther's voice which was lost through
dis - be - lief, and he reveals the Church's bless - ed pos - te - ri - ty, by loos - ing
his mother's bond of bar - ren - ness. The Lamp pre - ced - ing the Light ap - 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



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



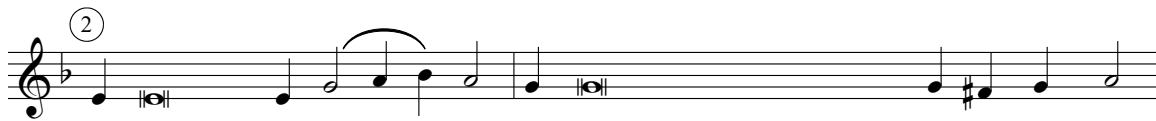
Ben - e - fac - tor. Splen - did - ly a - dorned by it, you went up as both spot - less vir - gin




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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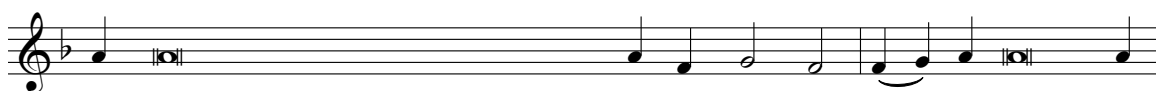
The beauty of your bod - y was matched by the divine splen-dor of your soul;




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.



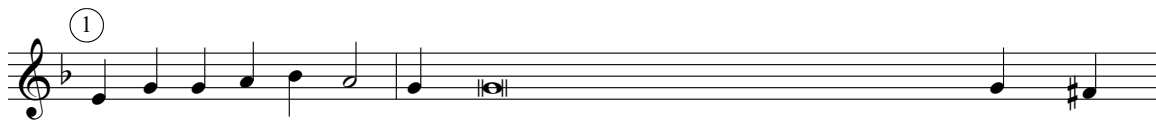
Thus in heaven you were welcomed into the bri - dal cham - ber, the in - destructi - ble




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.

Cantor: (Tone 3) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 3, page 53).

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 samohlasen

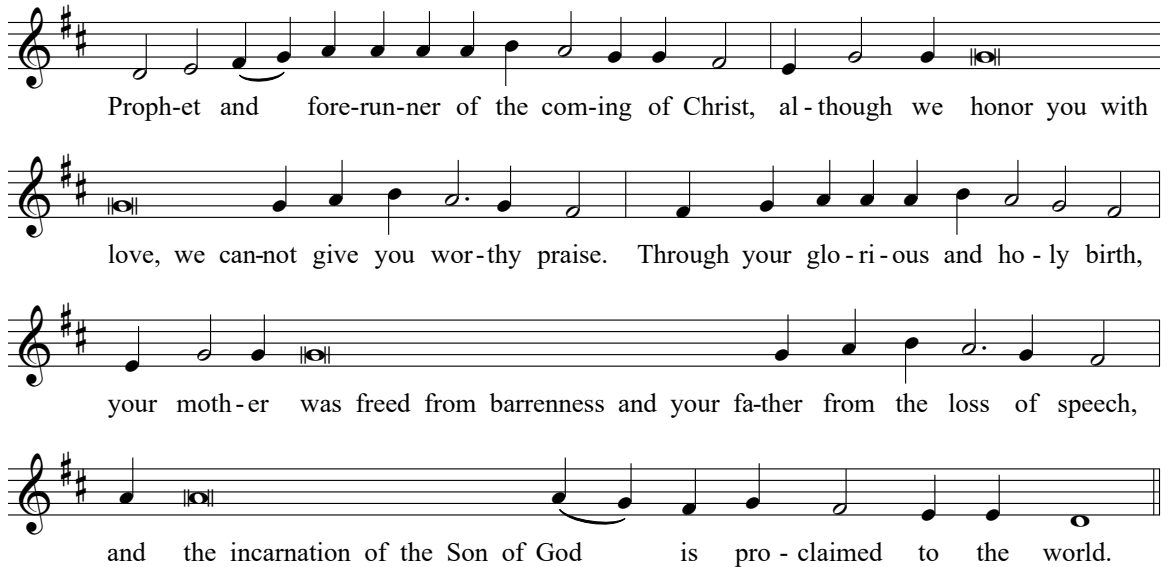


E - liz - abeth said to the Vir - gin Ma - ry: How is it that the Mother of my
God has come to me? You bear the King, and I, a sol - dier. You bear
the Lawgiver, and I, a preach - er of the law. You bear the Word, and I, the voice
who announces the king - dom of hea - - - ven.

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).