

**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.

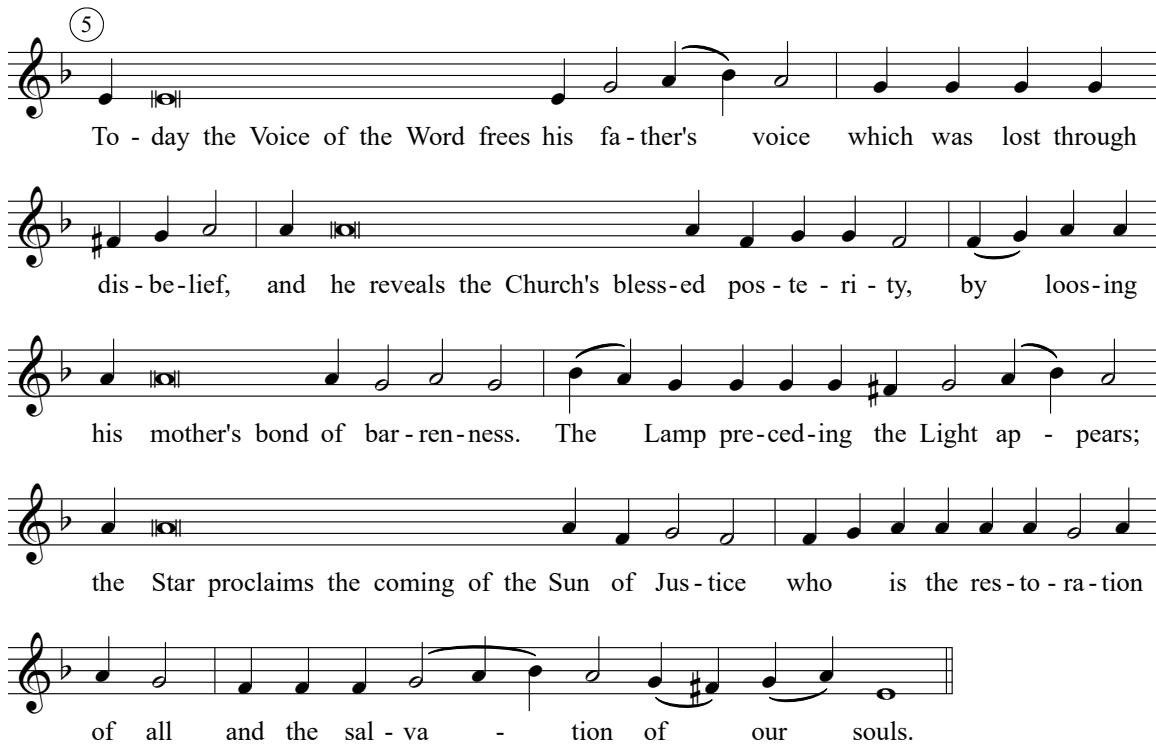
**Stichera of John the Baptist - Tone 4 samohlasen**

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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.

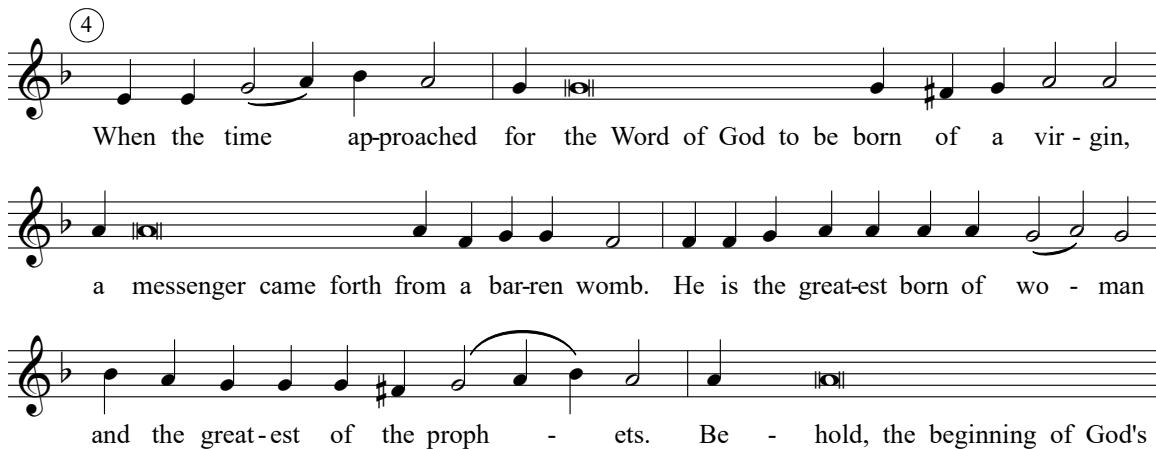
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To - day the Voice of the Word frees his fa - ther's voice which was lost through  
dis - be - lief, and he reveals the Church's bless - ed pos - te - ri - ty, by loos - ing  
his mother's bond of bar - ren - ness. The Lamp pre - ced - ing the Light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

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Il - lus - tri - ous Fe - bro - ni - a, you suffered a passion in keeping with the dis - ci - pline



you had kept, for you min - gled 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 mar - tyr victorious in com - - - bat.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations,  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

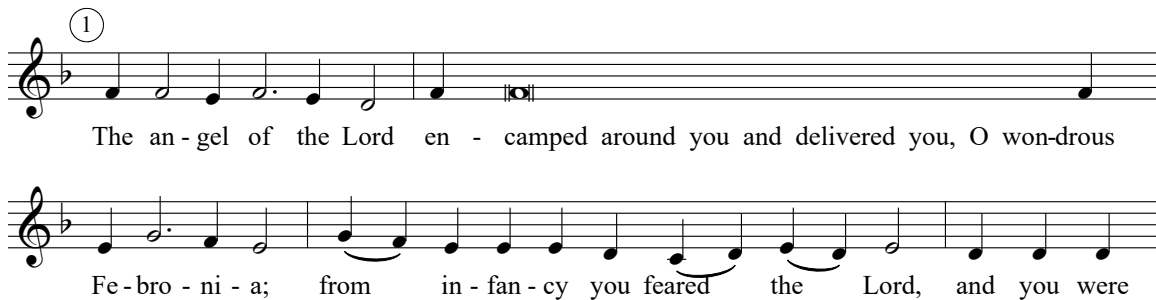
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The beau-ty of your bod - y was matched by the di-vine splen-dor of your soul;  
you glis-tened like a spot-less lil - y, hav - ing at - tained  
that pu-ri-ty of soul in the holy mon - as - ter - y; and you were crim-soned  
with the drops of your own blood. Thus in heav - en you were welcomed into the  
bri - dal cham - ber, the in - de - struc - ti - ble pal - ace, as a  
vir - gin 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**

E - 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**

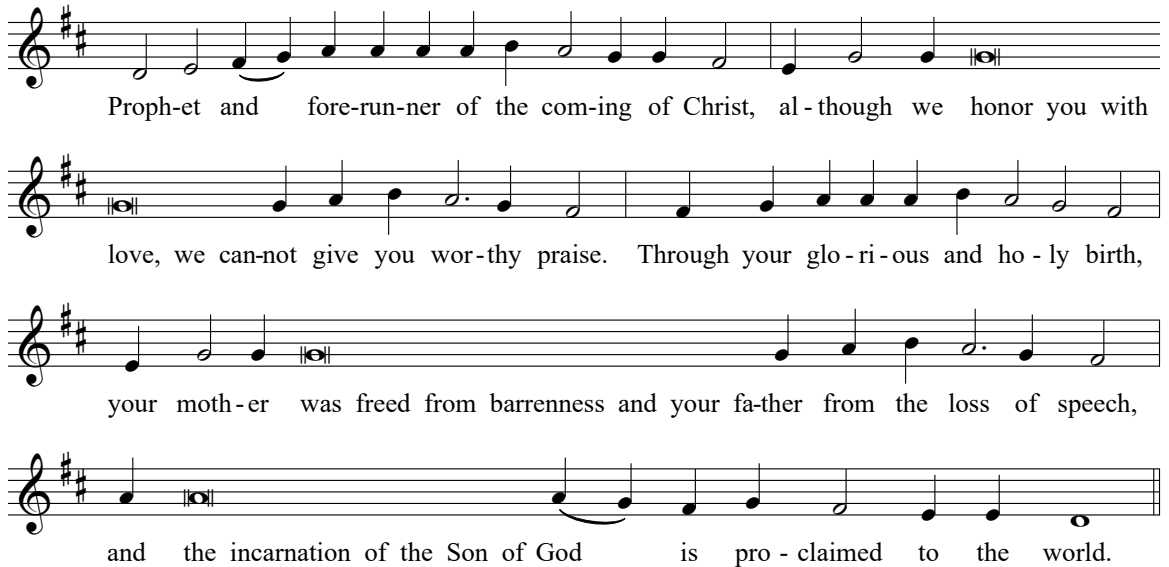


E - liz - abeth said to the Vir - gin Ma - ry: How is it that the Mother of my  
God has come to me? You bear the King, and I, a sol - dier. You bear  
the Lawgiver, and I, a preach - er of the law. You bear the Word, and I, the voice  
who announces the king - dom of hea - - - ven.

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 3, 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).*