**September 23rd**

**Conception of the Forerunner and Baptist John**

**Apolytikion**

*Byzantine Tone 4*

*Special Melody: Be quick to anticipate*

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Rejoice O thou barren one who hadst not borne until now; for lo, in all truth thou hast conceived the lamp of the Sun, and he shall send forth his light over all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. Dance, O Zacharias, and cry out with great boldness: The one to be born is the blest Prophet of God Most High.

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*Final Ending:*

Of God Most High.

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