The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise,

but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner.

Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets,

for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Who had been proclaimed.

After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth,

thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

January 7th

The Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John
(Also sung for his Beheading on August 29th)

Apolytikion

Byzantine Chant Tone 2

Dn. John El Massih
St. John the Baptist

Apolytikion

Deacon John El Massih

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