

January 7th

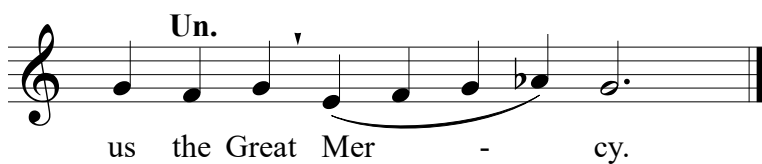
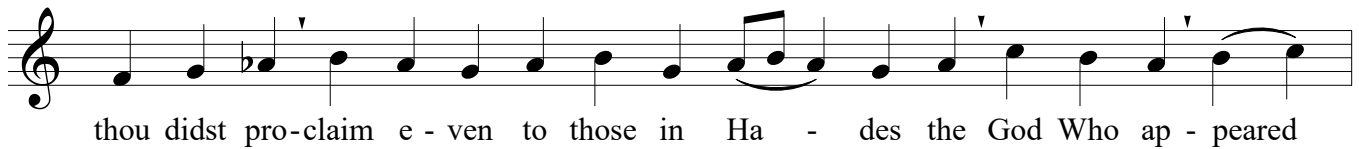
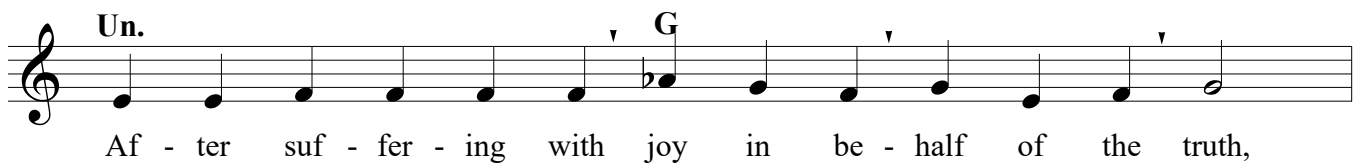
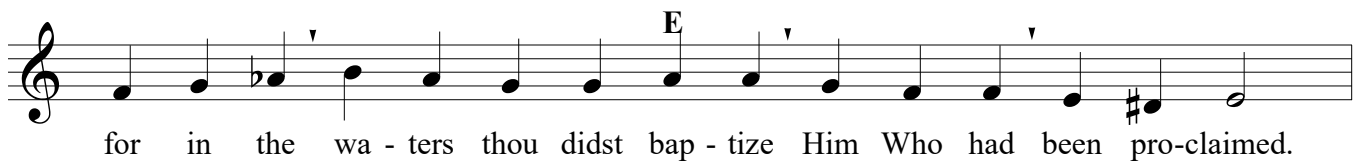
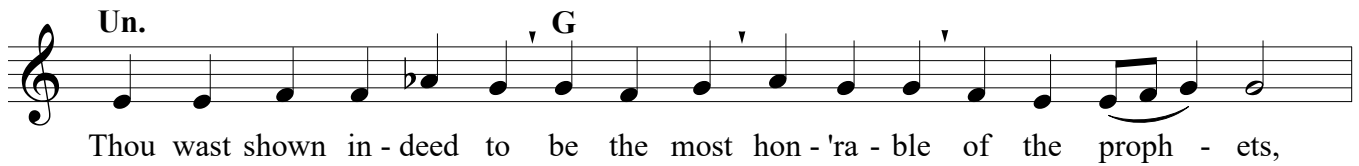
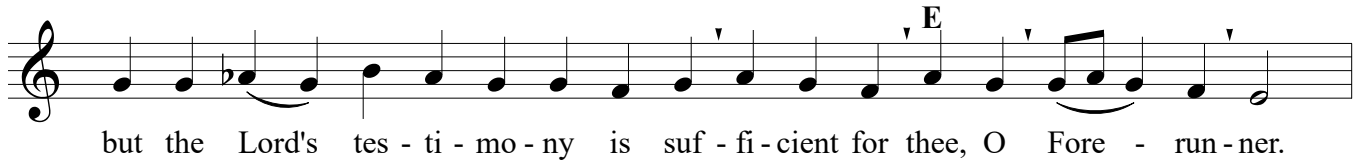
The Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

(Also sung for his Beheading on August 29th)

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Byzantine Chant Tone 2

Dn. John El Massih





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Deacon John El Massih

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T he mem - o - ry of the right - eous is cel - e -
 brat - ed with songs of praise, but the Lord's tes - ti - mo - ny is
 suf - fi - cient for thee O Fore - run - ner. Thou wast shown in - deed to be
 the most hon - 'ra - ble of the proph - ets, for in the wa - ters thou
 didst bap - tize Him Who had been pro - claimed. Af - ter suf - fer -
 ing with joy in be - half of the truth thou didst pro - claim e - ven
 to those in Ha - des the God Who ap - peared in the flesh, who tak - eth a -
 way the sin of the world, and grant - eth us the Great Mer -
 cy.