January 7th

The Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist John

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

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Verse: The sea saw and fled; the Jordan turned back on its course.

2) Hither, come to Me this day, as I accomplish a mystery; so the Savior of all replied unto the Forerunner John; serve Me, though with trembling:

draw not back in fear, seeing Me, Who am by nature pure,

stand in the waters of Jordan here with thee; for I am baptized as a man that I might make Adam

new again, as I wholly refashion him who was broken and crushed by sin.
Verse: What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou didst flee? Why didst thou turn back, O Jordan, on thy course?

3) John replied: What earth-born man hath ever seen the sun being washed? Who hath seen Him that cover eth the heaven with veils of clouds standing wholly naked?

Who hath ever seen Him that made the rivers and the springs Himself step into the waters that He made? I sorely am astonished at Thy dispensation, which passeth speech; burden not with such dread commands me Thy servant, O Sovereign Lord.

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