1) Entering into the Holy of Holies as the sacred Scriptures saith,

Having laid up all their hope as the most sacred Prophet and holy priest of God was addressed with these words by a holy Angel:

Thine entreaty hath been heard, he said,

for now the barrenness of thy wife Elizabeth hath been loosed,

O Elder, and she shall bring forth unto thee a son, the Forerunner John,
the lamp of the bright Sun, the Prophet of the Most High, and the voice of the Divine Word, Who shone on us from the Virgin Mother of God.

Verse: And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His ways.

2) The most blessed Elder spake in answer unto the Angel: Plainly now declare to me, how shall I know certainly this that thou hast said?

For I am full of days, even as thou se(e)est; barren is my wife Elizabeth;
how canst thou tell me then things be-yond man's na-ture and nev-er seen?

I am a-mazed and now sus-pect

thou by no means speak-est the truth, O man.

Get thee hence, for I ask sal-va-tion for the

peo-ple of the Lord, and not that I might re-ceive a child,

which doth seem im-pos-si-ble.

Verse: That we might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

3) I am an Arch-an-gel of God the Al-might-y and

Most High, and my name is Ga-bri-el;
thus the incorporeal to the elder spake.

Be thou dumb for a time, exercising silence,

seeing thou hast disbelieved my words.

When thy wife beareth thee the resounding trumpet of God the Word,

the Spirit then shall loose thy tongue

and thou shalt most clearly cry unto all:

Thou, O child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Most High, and in grace thou in all truth shalt prepare His ways,

as it hath seemed good to Him.