June 24th

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Exaposteilarion & Theotokion

Byzantine Mode 2

Special Melody: Hearken, ye women

1) To-day the joy-creating birth of the divine Fore-runner John dispells all of the sadness caused by his father’s long silence and by his mother’s confessed in most godly manner thy Son to be the barrenness; for it reveals unto all the joy and gladness yet to come. Hence, all creation doth keep feast been redeemed through thee out of the old condemnation

thereon with joy and resplendence.

2) The Prophets long ago pro-claimed, the wise Apostles now magnify thee, O pure one.