

February 24th

First & Second Discoveries of St. John the Baptist's Head

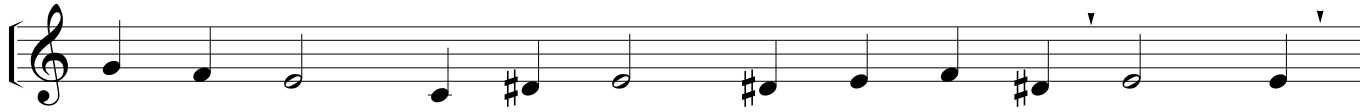
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

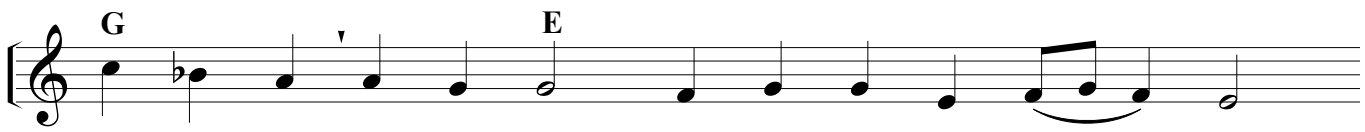
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih



1) Thine all - sa - cred head hath o - pened wide the gate - ways of



ab - sti - nence, O all - laud - a - ble Bap - tist John; it



set - teth be - fore us all the sweet and di - vine food



of the gifts of God; where - of we, par - tak - ing faith - ful - ly



as - suage and sweet - en the harsh - ness of the Fast. With



faith we there - fore laud thee and we cry out loud - ly to



Christ our God: O my Je - sus, Al - might - y Lord,



Thou di - vine Sav - ior of our souls.

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E Un. E

2) The di - vine Fore - run - ner's head doth flow with myrrh in un -

-ceas - ing streams; and set forth on the mys - ti - cal di -

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-vine ta - ble of the Lord, it doth sweet - ly send — forth

spir - i - tu - al fra - grance in - to our hearts and minds to - day

and driv - eth off thē un - pleas - ant - ness of griefs, while

fill - ing with ex - ceed - ing joy them that with long - ing and

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love ex - claim: O my Je - sus, Al - might - y Lord,

Thou di - vine — Sav - ior of our souls.

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3) Like the keen - est sword, thy pre - cious head hath cut off the
wretch - ed heads of in - iq - ui - tous en - e - mies; but
for all of up - right life, it hath free - ly gushed forth
god - ly gifts of heal - ing. And for this cause we faith - ful - ly
laud thee, O John, the Fore - run - ner and the Friend of
Him that hath cre - at - ed all; and un - to Him, we cry
fer - vent - ly: O my Je - sus, Al - might - y Lord,
Thou di - vine Sav - ior of our souls.