

September 5th
Prophet Zachariah, Father of the Forerunner

Stichera at the Praises
(Taken from the Aposticha at Vespers)

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) O strange wonder! Lo, the heav - en - ly Arch - an - gel,
who in the heights ev - er stand - eth be -
- fore our God, doth in - form God's min - is - ter,
Zach - a - ri - ah of god - ly mind, of the con -
- cep - tion of Christ's Fore - run - ner John
from fruit - less bar - ren - ness and de - spite great age.
O Thine in - ef - fa - ble care and prov - i - dence for
men, O Mas - ter Christ! Where - by, save our souls, since
Thou a - lone art mer - ci - ful.

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2) O strange won - der, how the speech - less - ness of Zach - a -

- ri - ah fore - told in all plain - ness the

si - lenc - ing of thē an - cient Cov - e - nant

and the show - ing forth of _____ the _____ New! The Law's ful -

- fil - ment it sealed with si - lent tongue

and in - di - cat - ed the com - ing light of Grace.

O _____ Thy wise prov - i - dence and Thy fore - sight, O Thou

Un. on - ly Friend of man! Where - by, keep us all, since

Thou art thē Om - nip - o - tent.

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3) O strange won - der! As a faith - ful priest, a Mar - tyr

no - ble and great, and a Proph - et most

G↓

glo - ri - ous who fore - told the things to come,

C

Zach - a - ri - ah hath been shown forth a - dorned right

G↓

fair with a trip - ly shin - ing crown,

C

O Sov - 'reign Mas - ter, a - dorned with three - fold grace.

O Thine a - bun - dant gifts and right grac - es, O Christ

Un. **G↓**

God, Thou Friend of man! By the which, vouch - safe Thy

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King - dom un - to all of us.