

September 23rd  
**Conception of the Forerunner and Baptist John**  
**Stichera at the Praises**

Byzantine Chant Tone 1  
 Special Melody: *Thou art the joy*

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1) All of cre - a - tion re - joic - eth in thy con -  
 - cep - tion to - day, O John, our Lord's Fore - run - ner and His  
 Proph - et and Bap - tist; for thy di - vine birth is a  
 to - ken for us of the Mas - ter's na - tiv - i - ty;  
 and for this cause, with one voice, we up - on the earth  
 sing thy prais - es as is meet and right.

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2) Thē An - gel, find - ing the bar - ren wom - an's con -  
 - cep - tion to be a ver - y won - drous wit - ness, doth an -  
 - nouce it to Mar - y, of - fer - ing it as an as -

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