

January 7th

Synaxis of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner & Baptist John

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 1

Special melody: *O all-lauded Martyrs*

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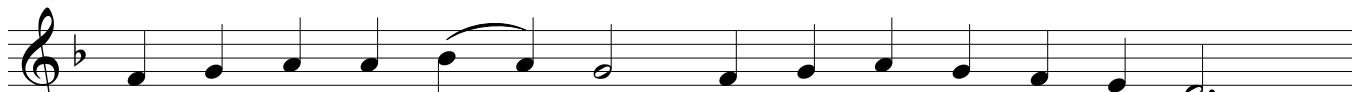
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1) O all - laud - ed Fore - run - ner of Christ, O di - vine - ly cho - sen




Bap - tist, as we pi - ous - ly bless thee, we all glo - ri - fy Christ God,



Who in Riv - er Jor - dan bowed His sa - cred head to thee



and sanc - ti - fied the na - ture of mor - tals; where - fore,



in - ter - cede with Him for our sakes, that by thy ho - ly prayers,



He may grant peace and Great Mer - cy to our souls.

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2) O John, wise Fore - run - ner, thou hast looked from a - bove up - on the



Fa - ther's un - told Glo - ry, which is the Son Who stood in Jor - dan's streams;



thou hast seen the Spir - it, Who de - scend - ed as a dove,

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en - light - en - ing and cleans - ing th ends of all th
earth; hence prais - ing thee as the Trin - i - ty's in - i - ti - ate,
we now hon - or thy most god - ly fes - ti - val.

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3) Made might - y by Christ with grace di - vine, thou hast shown to us the
Lamb of God, which tak - eth a - way the sins of all the sin - ful world;
and this day in joy — thou hast u - nit - ed un - to Him
a pair of thy dis - ci - ples, O Bap - tist and Fore -
- run - ner of — Christ God. In - ter - cede — with Him in our be - half
that He grant ———— peace and Great Mer - cy to ———— our ———— souls.