

January 2nd, Forefeast of Theophany
January 2nd-5th, Sunday before Theophany
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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E Un.

1) Let us pi - ous - ly fill thē_ air with the sound of pre -

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- fes - tal songs for the hal - lowed Bap - tis - m

of our Lord and God. For now, be - hold, as a

man He_ soon shall come_ for - ward in the flesh

un - to His Fore - run - ner John and shall ask_ sav - ing

Bap - tis - m, that He might re - store and might fash - ion a -

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- new all who with faith in Him are sa - cred - ly en -

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- light - ened and who par - take_ of the Spir - it's grace.

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2) Christ hath o - pen - ly been re - vealed; God ap - pear - eth be -

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- fore our eyes; Da - vid long be - fore man - i -

- fest - ly wrote there - of; and He doth come to His

ser - vant and He ask - eth for Bap - tis - m.

Riv - er Jor - dan, take de - light and be filled with ex -

- ceed - ing joy; O ye earth and sea, O ye moun - tains and

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hills and hearts of men, now leap with glad - ness and re -

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- joic - ing as ye re - ceive the no - et - ic light.

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3) O Al - might - y and Sov - 'reign Lord, the great Riv - er of

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Peace art Thou and, as Scrip - ture sa - ith the sweet

Tor - rent of De - light; how shall the streams of a

riv - er then re - ceive Thee now draw - ing nigh,

en - tring na - ked in its floods, Thou Who wrap - pest the

sky with clouds and Who hast stripped bare all thē en - e - my's

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wick - ed - ness and mal - ice and a - gain hast clothed thē

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earth - born with in - cor - rup - tion and end - less life?