

June 24

The Nativity of the Honourable Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptizer John

DIVINE LITURGY

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 4: O Prophet and forerunner of the coming of Christ,* we, who lovingly honour you are at a loss to praise you worthily;* for your mother's barrenness and your father's silence* were both ended by your honoured and glorious birth,* and the incarnation of the Son of God* is preached to the whole world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3: She who once was barren gives birth today to the Forerunner of Christ,* who will fulfil every prophecy.* In the Jordan he placed his hand upon the One Whom the prophets foretold* and thus was shown to be the prophet, the herald,* and the Forerunner of the Word of God.

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

verse: Hear, O God, my voice when I make my petition to You. (Psalm 63:11,2)

Epistle Romans 13:11b-14:4

Alleluia, Tone 1

verse: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited His people and redeemed them.

verse: And you, O child, will be called the prophet of the Most High (Luke 1:68,72)

Gospel Luke 1:1-15, 57-68, 76, 80

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify the precious birth of Christ's Baptist and forerunner, John.

And the Irmos: Words cannot express the hidden, divine, ineffable mystery* that is clearly fulfilled in you, Virgin immaculate,* for because of His loving mercy God became flesh of you.* And, therefore, as Mother of God, we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)