

Vespers of the evening of 3rd January 2015

Proper hymns

Lord I call Sunday before Theophany in Tone Four:

*Verse 4. From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch
let Israel hope in the Lord.*

Let us go before and shout songs in true worship
to the preparation of the feast
of the noble baptism of our God;
for, behold, he shall go in the flesh to his forerunner as a man,
and ask for baptism of salvation
for the re-creation of all those enlightened in faith with purity,
and the partakers of the Spirit.

*Verse 3. For with the Lord there is mercy and with him is plenteous
redemption, and he will deliver Israel from all his transgressions.*

Let us go before and shout songs ... (repeat above)

Verse 2. Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people.

Verily, David did go before and write clearly
that Christ should be revealed,
and God appear and come before his servant seeking baptism.
Be filled with joy, O River Jordan,
and O ye earth, sea, hills, mountains, and hearts of men,
rejoice now, receiving great light.

*Verse 1. For his mercy hath been confirmed upon us, and the truth of
the Lord remaineth forever.*

O all-powerful Lord,
Who art the river of peace,
and the valley of bliss,
as it was written, how shall the courses of the river receive thee
descending to it naked,
O thou who didst mantle the heavens with clouds,
and stripped naked all the evil of the adversary,
and clothed mankind with incorruptibility.

Doxasticon Sunday before Theophany in Tone Six:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The true Christ cometh down towards the Jordan
to be baptised of John,

who saith to him:

It is I who need to be baptised by thee, and thou comest to me?

Verily, I who am grass dare not touch the fire.

Wherefore, sanctify me, O Master, by thy divine Epiphany.

Apostikha:

Doxasticon Forefeast of Theophany in Tone Eight:

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now
and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O John the Baptiser,

who didst know me, the Lamb, in the womb,

serve me in the river with the angels.

Stretch forth thy hand and touch my pure head.

And when thou seest the mountains tremble and the Jordan turn
back,

then shout with them, saying,

O thou who wast incarnate of the virgin for our salvation,

O Lord, glory to thee.

Apolytikion of the Forefeast of Theophany in Tone Four:

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now
and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Make ready, O Zebulon,

and prepare, O Nephtali,

and thou, River Jordan, cease thy flow

and receive with joy the master coming to be baptised.

And thou, Adam, rejoice with the first mother,

and hide not yourselves as ye did of old in paradise;

for having seen thee naked,

He appeared to clothe thee with the first robe.

Yea, Christ hath appeared desiring to renew the whole creation.