

Sunday, June 24, 2018
– 5th Sunday After Pentecost, Tone 4; Nativity of John the Baptist

Sunday Tropar, tone 4:

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen* granting to the world great mercy."

Tropar of Nativity of John the Baptist, tone 4:

O Prophet and forerunner of the coming of Christ,* in spite of our honour and devotion, we are unable to give you worthy praise.* Through your glorious and noble birth your mother's childlessness was ended,* your father's tongue was freed,* and the incarnation of Son of God was proclaimed to the world.

Glory be to the Father . . . , tone 4:

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

Sunday Kondak, tone 4:

My Saviour and Deliverer* from the grave as God has raised out of bondage the children of earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Prokimen, tone 4:

How great are Your works, O Lord: You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: *Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.*

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Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans (10: 1 - 10)

Alleluia Verses:

*Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.
 You have loved justice and hated iniquity.*

Gospel: Matthew 8: 28 - 9: 1

Instead of 'Indeed, it is fitting', Nativity of John the Baptist:

O my soul glorify the birth of John,* the forerunner and baptizer of Christ.* O all-pure Virgin, the ineffable mystery of the Word of God* is clearly fulfilled in you.* In his compassion, God has become flesh through you.* Therefore, we extol you as Theotokos.

Communion Hymn (Verses)

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.
 Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!