

09/23 - The Conception of St. John the Baptist

On “Lord I have cried”
“Glory” in the 6th tone

Today hath John the **Forerunner**, / the **fruit** of
prayer, / sprung forth from a **bar**__._ren womb. / Make
merry, O **desert**, / and join **chorus** with mankind; / for,
lo! the preacher of repentance cometh forth to be
incarnate in his **mo**__._ther’s womb. / Come, O ye who
love the **feasts** of the Church, / and rejoicing in his
glorious **concep**_tion, / let us form a **choir**__, crying
out: / O thou who art the greatest born of **woman**, / cease
not to make supplication in **behalf** of them / that celebrate
thy divine **concep**__._.tion, // that we may find cleansing
of *our* **sins** and *great* **mer**_cy.

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On the Aposticha
“Glory” in the 6th tone

Thou didst come forth from a barren womb as an angel, O **B**aptist; / from thine earliest childhood thou didst make thine abode in the **wil-der-ness**, / and hast shown thyself to be the seal of all the **pro_._._phets**; / for Him whom they foresaw many times / and proclaimed in indistinct **images**, / wast thou counted worthy to baptize in the **Jor_._._dan**; / and thou didst hear the voice of the Father from **heaven**. / bearing witness to his **Son_ship**; / and thou didst see the Spirit in the **form_** of a dove, / drawing down the voice upon the One who was being **baptized**. / O thou who art the greatest of all the **pro_**phets: / cease not to pray in behalf_._ of us // who faithfully **celebrate thy memory**.

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Troparion in the 4th tone

Make merry, O barren **wo**_man, / who before wast
unable to **bear** a child! / For, lo! thou hast manifestly
conceived the **lamp** of the Sun, / who will enlighten **all**
the world, / which suffered from **blind**_ness. / Dance
thou, O Zachariah, crying out with **boldness**: // He who
will be born is the prophet of the **Most**_ High!

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Kontakion in the 1st tone

Rejoice_ with wonder, O great *Zachariah* / and most glorious **Elizabeth**, his spouse, / in **conceiv**_ing John *the Forerunner* as is meet, / whom the archangel announced, **rejoicing**. / O ye **men**_, let us right *worthily* **honor** him // as the initiate of the **mystery** of grace.