

# Stichera at the Aposticha

*Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist, John - June 24*

Tone 2  
Sticheron 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant  
arr. by L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

Let us praise John with psalms and hymns and spir - it - ual

songs, the Prophet of Prophets, the flower of bar - ren - ness, the

cit - izen of the desert, the greatest among those born of wom -

en! O Baptizer and Forerunner of the Sav - ior, since thou hast

[boldness before . . .]

boldness before Christ on the day of thy ho - ly birth,

en - treat Him to grant peace to the world, // and to our

souls great mer - cy!

*v. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. (Luke 1:68)*

Sticheron 2

The Voice of the Word of grace has come: the preach - er

of the Light of Light! He is born from the barren womb

[of E-liz-a-beth...]

of E - liz - a - beth. Re - joice, O peo - ple! He comes,

preparing the way of sal - va - tion for us. He

leaped in the womb and worshipped his Mas - ter: the

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world, //

and grants us great mer - cy.

*v. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High. (Luke 1:76)*

Sticheron 3

Today John blossoms from his mother's bar - ren

womb. He becomes the last of the Proph - ets. With

bold - ness, he announces the com - ing of the Lord: //

"Repent, for the Kingdom of heav - en is at hand!"