

# Doxasticha at the Litya

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

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

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

Tone 5

Soprano  
Alto

E - liz - a - beth gives birth to - day to the last

Tenor  
Bass

of the Prophets and first of the A - pos - tles, and

she re - joic - es. He is the earth - ly Angel and

heav - en - ly man; the voice of the Word, the soldier and

[Fore-run-ner . . .]

Fore - run - ner of Christ, who leaped be - fore - hand, proclaiming

the birth of the Sun of Right - eous - ness. Zach - a - ri - ah,

who in his old age was a - ston - ished, and who was

subjected to silence as a dis - ci - pline, as fa - ther

of the Voice, proph - e - sies clear - ly: "For thou,

[O child, ...]

O child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Most High,

and shalt go before Him to pre-pare His ways." There-fore,

O Angel, Prophet, Apostle, Sol - dier, Fore - run - ner,

Bap - tist, Herald of repentance, and Guide of the Light: as

Voice of the Word, ceaselessly in - ter - cede for us, //

[who faithfully . . .]

who faithfully keep thy mem - o - ry!

*vs. Now, and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

O most pre-cious Vir-gin, thou art the gate, the tem-ple,

the pal-ace, the throne of the King. From thee, my Redeemer,

Christ the Lord, appeared to those asleep in dark-ness. He is the

Sun of Right-eous-ness, Who de-sired to enlighten His image,

[ whom He cre-at-ed . . . ]

whom He had cre - at - ed. Since thou dost possess motherly boldness

before Him, O all - praised La - dy, // pray un - ceas - ing - ly

that our souls may be saved!