

Stichera at the Litya

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

Tone 1
Sticheron 1

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

Soprano
Alto

Drop down sweet - ness, O moun - tains, skip like lambs,
O hills, for the Fore - runner of the Lord Who shall dwell
in our midst has been born of E - liz - a - beth and has
end - ed the silence of his fa - ther! Therefore let us

Tenor
Bass

The musical score is arranged in four systems. Each system consists of two staves: a soprano/alto staff (treble clef) and a tenor/bass staff (bass clef). The music is in a minor key (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written in a bold, serif font below the notes. The first system includes the vocal parts and the beginning of the lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

[cry a-loud...]

cry a - loud to him: // "O Baptist of Christ, intercede

for the sal - va - tion of our souls!"

Sticheron 2

O Fore - runner of the Lord, O lamp of the Light,

O voice that her - alds God, first wit - ness and martyr of

Christ among the Proph - ets, who dost in - ter - cede on be -

[half of the ...]

half of the world, // supplicate unceasingly that thy flock be

saved un - harmed!

Sticheron 3

Thou wast a her - ald of the Lamb and Word of God,

O John, Prophet and Fore - run - ner, fore - tell - ing

future events and prophesying to the ends of the earth:

["Behold the Lamb . . .]

"Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way the sin

of the world," // and grants to all great mer - cy!"