

JUNE 24, 2025

Nativity of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist, John

DAILY ANTIPHONS in the music book

TROPARIA

Tone 4 Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, although we cannot praise you worthily, we honor you in love at your nativity, for by it you ended your father's silence and your mother's barrenness,// proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

Tone 4 The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION

Tone 6 Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those honor you.

THE APOSTLE

Deacon: Let us attend!

Priest: Peace to all!

Reader: **And to your spirit!**

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: A righteous one will be gladdened in the Lord and will hope in him.** *(Psalm 63:11)*

Cantor: A righteous one will be gladdened in the Lord and will hope in him.

Reader: **Hear, O God, my voice when I implore you.** *(Psalm 63:1)*

Cantor: A righteous one will be gladdened in the Lord and will hope in him.

Reader: **A righteous one will be gladdened in the Lord**

Cantor: and will hope in him.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: **The reading is from the epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)**

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: And to your spirit! Alleluia in the first tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: You, O child, will be called the prophet of the Most High. (*Luke 1:76*)

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 76, 80 (*Forerunner*)

COMMUNION HYMN

A righteous one will be into eternal remembrance, he will not be frightened by an evil hearing. (*Psalms 111:6b-7a*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!