

February 24: The 1st & 2nd Finding of the Head of the Forerunner

Stichera on "Lord I have cried" Tone 5, Kievan

(6) *Reader:* In the 5th Tone— If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

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For with Thee there is for - give - - - - - ness.

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B

Rejoice, O sacred and light-bearing head, /
venerated by the angels, /
which of old was severed by a sword /
and cut down the shame of impurity with sharp reproofs, /
well-spring of miracles which giveth drink unto the faithful, /
and which proclaimed the saving advent of the Savior, /
and of old perceived the coming of the Spirit, /
which took up His abode in thee /
who didst stand between the grace of the Old and New Covenants. //

Entreat Christ God to grant our souls great mercy.

(5) *Reader:* For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

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My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

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Repeat: "Rejoice, O sacred and light-bearing head..."

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(4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Musical score for the Stichera "Let Israel hope in the Lord." The score is written for voice and piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Let Israel hope in the Lord." The melody features a long, sweeping line with a fermata over the word "hope".

The head of the Forerunner, which was once concealed in an earthen vessel, /
 hath appeared, manifestly given up from the bosom of the earth /
 and pouring forth streams of healing; /
 for in the waters did he wash the head /
 of Him Who even now covereth the chambers of the firmament with waters /
 and raineth down divine remission upon men. /
 Wherefore, let us bless it as truly most glorious, /
 and in its discovery let us joyously keep festival, //
 entreating Christ to grant our souls great mercy.

(3) *Reader:* For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;

Musical score for the Stichera "And He shall redeem Israel out of all His iniquities." The score is written for voice and piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "And He shall redeem Israel out of all His iniquities." The melody features a long, sweeping line with a fermata over the word "iniquities".

Repeat: "The head of the Forerunner..."

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(2) *Reader:* O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Praise Him all ye peo - - - - - ples.

The head which proclaimed the Lamb of God Who hath appeared in the flesh, /
 which with divine commands hath declared to all /
 the ways of saving repentance, /
 which of old denounced the iniquity of Herod /
 and was therefore severed from its body /
 and endured concealment for a time, /
 hath shone forth upon us like a radiant sun, /
 crying out: Repent ye, /
and in compunction of soul //
 submit to Christ Who granteth the world great mercy!

(1) *Reader:* For He hath made his mercy to prevail over us,

And the truth of the Lord a-bid-eth for-ev - - - - - er.

Repeat: "The head which proclaimed..."