

January 7 (Sunday): Synaxis of the Forerunner
Stichera on "Lord I have cried" for the Feast
Tone 2, Kievan
3 Stichera of the Resurrection from the Octoechos, then:

(7) *Reader:* In the 2nd Tone: Let Thine ears be attentive

II-chant melody

To the voice of my sup- pli - ca - tion.

I-descant

The Forerunner, beholding our Enlightener, / Who illumineth every man, /
 coming to be baptized, / rejoiceth in soul and trembleth. / He pointeth to Him
 with his hand and saith to the people: / "This is He Who delivereth Israel, /
 Who freeth us from corruption! // O sinless Christ our God, glory be to Thee!"

(6) *Reader:* If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is for - give - ness.

When our Deliverer was baptized by His servant / and borne witness to by
 the coming of the Holy Spirit, / the angelic armies, looking on, were stricken
 with awe; / and a voice was borne down from the Father in heaven: /
 "He Whom the Forerunner baptized with his hand is my beloved Son, /
 in Whom I have been well pleased!" // O Christ our God, glory be to Thee!

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

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

The currents of the Jordan received Thee, the Wellspring, /
and the Comforter descended upon Thee in the form of a dove. /

Thou Who bowed down the heavens dost bow Thy head, /
and the clay crieth out to the Potter: /

"What dost Thou command me do, O Thou Who art greater than I? /

It is I who must needs be baptized of Thee! //

O sinless Christ our God, glory be to Thee!

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

Let Is - ra - el hope in the Lord.

Desiring to save man who had become lost, /

Thou didst deign to clothe Thyself in the guise of a servant, /

for it was fitting that Thou, our Master and God, assume our form: /

for when Thou wast baptized in the flesh, O Deliverer, /

Thou didst vouchsafe remission unto us. /

Wherefore, we cry out to Thee: // O Christ our God, glory be to Thee!