

**January 7 (Weekday): Synaxis of the Forerunner
Stichera on "Lord I have cried" for the Feast
Tone 2, Kievan**

(6) *Reader:* In the **2nd Tone:** If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord,
O Lord, who shall stand?

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!"

Repeat above sticheron: "The Forerunner beholding our Enlightener..."

(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.

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!

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

Let Is - ra - el hope 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!