

## January 14: Apodosis of Theophany Stichera of the Litia

*If vigil is celebrated, at Litia we chant the stichera of the feast, the composition of Cosmas the Monk, idiomela, in **Tone 4**:*

He that doth clothe Himself with light as it were with a garment / hath  
deigned for our sake to become like as we are; / and today He is covered with  
the streams of the Jordan, / though He hath no need to be purified by them, /  
but that, through the cleansing He receiveth, / He might Himself bestow  
regeneration upon us. / Oh, the wonder! / Without fire Christ God, the Savior  
of our souls, casteth anew, / and without shattering He fashioneth, //  
and He saveth those who are enlightened in Him.

Beholding Thee, Who in the Spirit and in fire / doth purge away the sin of the  
world, / coming to Him, the Baptist cried out in awe and trembling, saying: /  
"I dare not touch Thine all-pure head! / Do Thou sanctify me by Thy divine  
epiphany, // O Master Who alone lovest mankind!"

Come ye, let us emulate the wise virgins! / Come ye, let us greet the  
Master Who hath appeared unto us! / For He hath come to John like a  
Bridegroom. / The Jordan, seeing Thee, was afraid and ceased its flow. /  
And John cried out: "I dare not touch the head of the Immortal One!" /  
The Spirit descended in the form of a dove, to sanctify the water. /  
And a voice was heard from heaven, saying: / "This is my Son Who hath  
come into the world to save the human race!" // O Lord, glory be to Thee!

(In the same tone, Tone 4)

Christ is baptized. / He cometh up out of the waters / and leadeth the world up  
with Himself. / And He beholdeth the heavens opening, / which Adam closed to  
himself and to those with him. / And the Spirit beareth witness to His divinity, /  
for He maketh haste to come to His like. / And a voice is heard from heaven; //  
for the Savior of our souls is borne witness to from thence.

The hand of the baptist trembled / when it touched Thine all-pure head. /  
The River Jordan turned back, not daring to minister unto Thee; / for if it was in  
awe of Joshua son of Nun, / how could it not have been stricken with awe by its  
own Creator? / O our Savior Who alone lovest mankind, / Thou hast fulfilled all  
Thy dispensation, // that Thou mayest save the world by Thine epiphany.

*Reader:* Glory...Both now and ever... in the **8th tone**:

Glory... Both now and ev-er and un-to the a-ges of a-ges, A - men.

Today creation is enlightened! / Today all things are glad, / those of heaven  
and those on earth! / Angels and men mingle together! / For where the King  
arriveth, there doth order prevail. / Wherefore, let us all hasten to the Jordan /  
and see how John baptizeth the sinless head which no man fashioned. /  
And, chanting the cry of the angel, / let us exclaim together: /  
The grace of God hath appeared, saving all men, //  
illuminating and granting mercy unto the faithful!