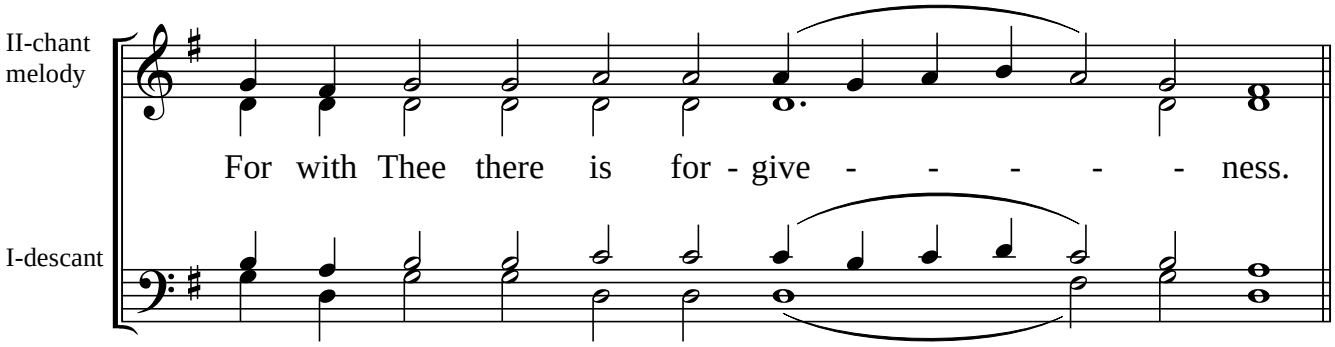
# January 11: Afterfeast of Theophany (on Sunday)
# At Vespers, the Stichera on "Lord I have cried"

## 4 Stichera of Resurrection, then 3 of the Afterfeast:

***(6) Reader:*** In the **4th Tone:** If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?




Having humbled Himself in manner past understanding, /

the Lord said: "Thou hast seen how I have clad Myself in thine image, /

which I Myself have created. /

What, then, is so strange, My friend, /

if I also bow beneath the hand of thee who art one of my followers; /

and if, naked, I clothe Myself in the waters? /

For, in that I am compassionate, //

I wish to clothe the naked in everlasting incorruption."

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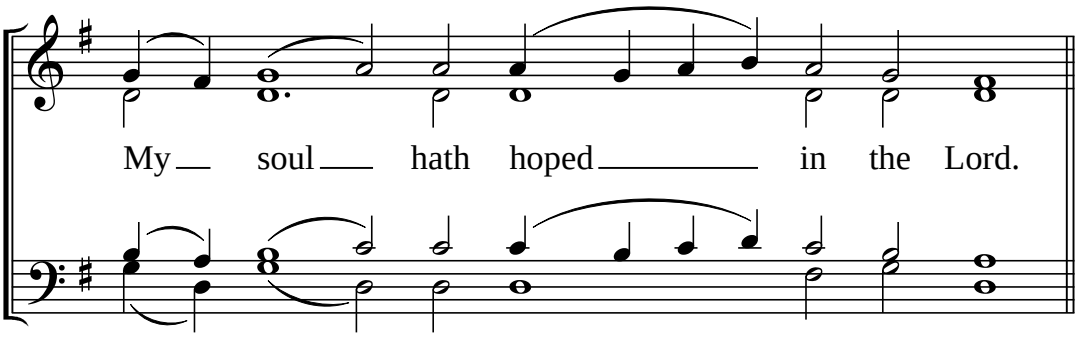
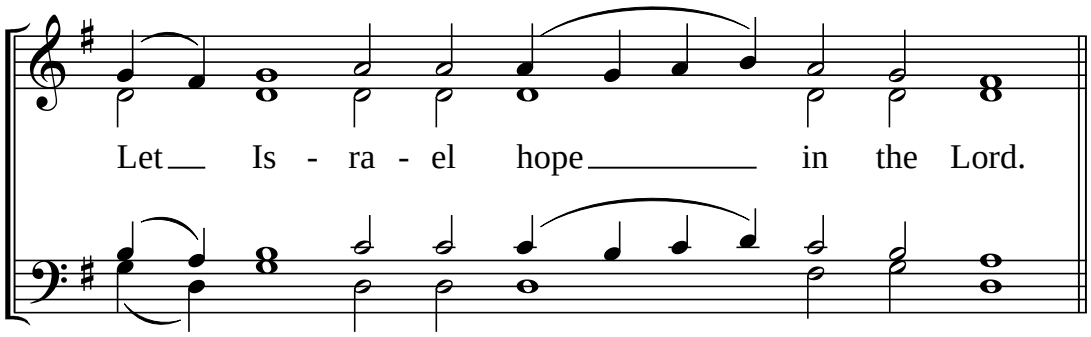
***(5) Reader:*** For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord;
my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,




"Thou hast shown Thyself to be incarnate, /
yet the womb which received Thee remaineth unconsumed; /
for the furnace which did not consume the youths long ago /
serveth as an image thereof. /
But how can I, who am grass, touch Fire with my hand, /
O Jesus Almighty, Thou Savior of our souls, //
before Whom all in heaven and on earth do tremble?"

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

"In the waters of the Jordan do thou wash Me, /

Who in nowise am defiled," said the Lord; /

"and human nature which hath been defiled by Adam's transgression, /

will be washed clean as new. /

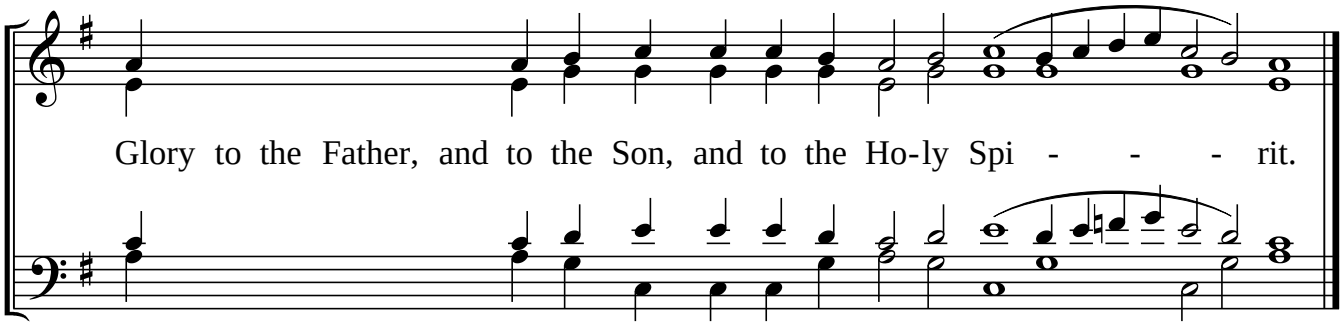
For when I am baptized //

all men will be renewed by water and the Spirit."

***And then, 3 stichera of the Triodion:***

***At the Aposticha, the stichera of the Resurrection, then:***

***Reader:*** **Glory, in the 8th tone:**




The angelic hosts were stricken with awe /
at what they beheld, /
when Thou, O Savior, didst stand naked in the waters, /
and bowed Thine all-pure head to be baptized by John. /
For when, of Thine own will, Thou didst impoverish Thyself, /
the world was made rich. //
Glory to Thee, O Lord!

***Both now..., and the Sticheron from the Triodion:***

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