The Prophet Jonas

September 21

Apolytikion

Intonation: #8

Third Mode
"Thy confession"

To the Ninevites, thou wast a trumpet, blaring fearful threats of Heaven's judgments, at the which they repented with all their hearts; and from the sea-monster's belly didst thou fore-show the Lord's di-
Even though the meaning of the words [of psalmody] be unknown to you,
teach your mouth to utter them meanwhile. For the tongue
is made holy by the words when they are
uttered with a ready and
eager mind.

- St. John Chrysostom