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St. John the Forerunner

September 23

Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Re-joice, O thou bar-ren one who hadst not borne un-til now;

for lo, in all truth thou hast con-ceived the lamp of the Sun, and

he shall send forth his light o-ver all the earth, which

is af-flict-ed with blind-ness. Dance, O Zach-a-ri-as,
and cry out with great boldness: The one to be born is the blest Prophet of God Most High.
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Kontakion

Intonation: #4
"The soldiers standing guard"

Eυφραίνεται λαμπρός

Great Zacharias now doth rejoice with re-

splendence; Elizabeth his glorious yoke-

mate exulteth; for she hath conceived divine

John the Forerunner worthily, whom the

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great Arch-an-gel had announced, with rejoicing,

whom, as it is meet, we men revere as a sacred initiate of grace divine.