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Apolytikion

Intonation: #10

Fourth Mode

"Be quick to anticipate"

O Prophet and Forerunner of Christ God's coming to us,

all we who with longing now exalt thee are at a loss to

honour thee worthily. For thy mother's barrenness and father's long silence, by thine all-renowned and
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hal-lowed birth, were both ended, and the incarnation of the Son of God is preached unto all the world.
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Kontakion

Third Mode
"On this day the Virgin"

Intonation: #8

Allegro †150

She that once was barren doth today bring forth

Christ’s Forerunner, John, the culmination

and the crown of all of the Prophets.

For when he, in River Jordan, laid
his hand on Him Whom the Prophets preached afore-time, he was revealed as God the Word's chosen Prophet, His mighty preacher, and His Runner in grace.

When the day is over, the vendor sits down and counts his profits; but the worker of virtue does so when the psalmody is over.

- St. John of the Ladder