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Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Ἡχός : Δι

Ταχύ προκατάλαβε

ε-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 bold-
ness: The one to be born is the blest Prophet of God Most High.
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Kontakion

First Mode (soft chromatic)
"The soldiers standing guard"

Εὐφραίνεται 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 great Arch-angel had announced with rejoic-
ing, whom, as it is meet, we men revere as a sacred initiate of grace divine.