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Apolytikion

Fourth Mode
"Be quick to anticipate"

Ὅχος Δι.

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 hallowed 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"

"HCHR στείρα"

he that once was barren doth today bring forth Christ's
Fore-runner, 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
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