The Synaxis of Saint John the Forerunner

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Apolytikion

Second Mode

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The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou
wast grant-ed to bap-tize in the run-ning wa-ters Him Whom they pro-

claimed. Where-fore, hav-ing con-test-ed for the truth, thou didst re-

joyce to an-nounce the good ti-dings e-ven to those in Ha-

des: that God hath ap-peared in the flesh, tak-ing a-way the

sin of the world and grant-ing us great mer-

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er-rified at Thy bodily presence, Jordan turned back in fear; and having fulfilled his prophetic ministry,

John drew back in trembling. The orders of Angels were a-mazed to see Thee in the streams baptized in the flesh, and all

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those in darkness were illumined and praised Thee, Who hadst appeared and hadst enlightened all things.