

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE FORERUNNER

JUNE 24

STICHERA AT "LORD, I HAVE CRIED"

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1ST IDIOMELON - BY JOHN OF DAMASCUS



Π

y his birth, John __ loos - - eth Zach -a -ri -as' ____ si

B

- - - lence; for it was not meet that the fa- ther should keep__

Π

__ si - - lence when the Voice ____ was ____ com - ing ____

B

__ forth; but e- ven as he for- mer - - ly ____ bound the tongue

β

that spake ____ un - be - lief, in like man- ner, at his man- i-

Π

fes - ta- - - tion, he doth free __ his fa - - - ther,

M

by ____ whom __ al - so he __ was pro - claimed. And he

Π

was ____ born ____ the Voice ____ of the __ Word and __ Fore- run -

B

- ner of ____ the ____ Light, and he in - ter ced -

β

(twice)

eth for our __ souls. __

π
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2ND IDIOMELON - BY THE SAME



o- day the Voice of the Word loos-eth his fa-ther's

voice, which was held fast be- cause of un - - be -

- - lief; and in loos- ing the bonds of his moth - er's bar- ren

- ness, he show- eth forth the Church as a moth - - er

of man - y chil- - - dren. The lamp of the Light com- eth forth;

the dawn pro-claim - eth the com- - - ing of the Sun of

Right - - eous - - - ness, for the re- fash- ion - ing of

all and the sal - va - tion of our souls.

3RD IDIOMELON - BY ANATOLIUS



Ⲓ hen the Word of God was about to be born of the

Vir - - - gin, the mes-sen- ger came forth from a bar -

- ren wom - - - an's tra - - - vail, e- ven he that is the

great- est a - mong them that are born of wom- - - en, and

more than a proph- - - et; for it was meet that

the be- gin-nings of di- vine things should be mar - - - vel -

- - lous: here, fruit-ful - ness past age; there, a con- cep - tion

with - out seed. O Thou Who work - - - est won - - -

ders for our sal- va - tion, glo - ry be to Thee.

4TH IDIOMELON - BY ANDREW OF CRETE



Π he great Fore-run-ner was made man-i - fest to -

Π B -day, when he came forth from the bar- ren loins of E - liz -

B a - - - beth. He is the Proph - et great-er than

Π all the Proph - ets, and like him there is none oth - er, nei-ther

B shall one a - - - rise. For the tran-scend-ent-ly

bril- liant Light fol- low-eth af- ter the fore-run- ning lamp, Δ the

Π Word com-eth af- ter the Voice, Δ and the Bride-groom af - ter

B the Bride - - - groom's friend, Π who pre- par- eth a

Π people for the Lord's own pos - ses - - sion, B and cleans- eth them for

Π the Spir- it be - fore - - hand Π with wa - - - ter. He is

Π the sci- on of Zach- a - ri - - as, Π thē ex- cel-lent nurs - ling

of the wil-der-ness, the preach-er of re

-pent-ance, and the cleans-ing of sins.

Un-to those in Ha-des he pro-claim-eth the good tid-ings

of the Res-ur-rec-tion from the dead, and

he in-ter-ced-eth in be-half of our souls.

5TH IDIOMELON



B

rom the womb__ wast thou shown to be the Proph - - et and Fore-

II

run- ner__ of __ Christ,_____ O _____ John, leap-ing and re- joic

M

II

- ing__ in __ thy moth - - - er's _____ womb, up- on

B

be- hold - - ing the __ Queen com-ing to the__ hand - - maid with Him

II

Who is be - - yond_____ time,_____ and moth - - er - - less from

M

the Fa - - - ther, as she brought Him un -to __ thee, who

II

shon - est forth from the bar- ren__ wom - - an and thē el - der ac

B

-cord -ing to the _____ prom - - - - ise. En- treat _____ Him

that _____ our souls__ find mer - - cy. _____

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6TH IDIOMELON



B strange won - - der! He who would not be per - suad - -

-ed by thē An - gel which said that E - liz - a - beth would con -

-ceive and bear a son; he who said, How shall she

give birth? for I am well strick - - - en in years, and

her mem - bers are dead with age; he who was con -

demned to si - - lence be - cause of his un - be - lief, -

to - day se - eth him born that had been prom - ised; and

re - leased from si - - - - lence, he es - cort - eth -

glad - ness in as he cri - - - eth: Bless - ed be the

Lord God of Is - - - - ra - - - - el, for He

hath vis - it - ed and wrought re - demp - tion for His peo -

7TH IDIOMELON



all- laud - ed _____ John, _____ A - pos - tle to the _____

whole _____ world, thou good tid - ings of _____ Ga - bri - el _____ and off-spring _____

of _____ a bar - ren wom - - - an, _____ fair - est sci - on _____ of _____

the wil - - - der - - - ness _____ and true friend of Christ the _____

Bride - - - - groom: _____ en - treat _____ Him _____ that _____ our souls _____

find mer - - - cy. _____