

Propers for June 24:

**Feast of the Birth of Holy Prophet,  
John the Baptist.**

**Tropar Tone 4:**

O Prophet and Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, \* in spite of our honor and devotion, \* we are unable to give you worthy praise.\* Through your glorious and noble birth \* your mother's childlessness was ended, \* your father's tongue was freed, \* and the Incarnation of the Son of God \* was proclaimed to the world.

**Kontakion Tone 3:**

Glory be.../ now and ever and forever. Amen.

Today, she who was once barren \* gives birth to the Forerunner of Christ, \* the Fulfillment of all prophecy. \* In the Jordan, John laid his hand upon Him Whom the prophets foretold \* showing himself to be The Prophet, \* The Herald and Forerunner of the Word of God.

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**Prokimenon Tone 7:**

The just man is glad in the Lord and takes refuge in Him.

*v. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray to You.*

**Alleluia Tone 1:**

*v. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for He has visited His people, He has come to their rescue.*

*v. And you, little child, you shall be called the prophet of the Most High.*

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*INSTEAD OF "Dostojno jest.../ It is truly proper..."  
we sing:*

O my soul, O my soul, extol the noble birth of John, extol the noble birth of John, the Baptist and Forerunner of Christ.

**HIRMOS:**

O Most Pure Virgin, in you the hidden and indescribable mystery of God is brought to light; for from you God became man to show His mercy. Therefore, we extol you as Mother of God.

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**Communion Verse:**

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; an evil report he shall not fear. All