

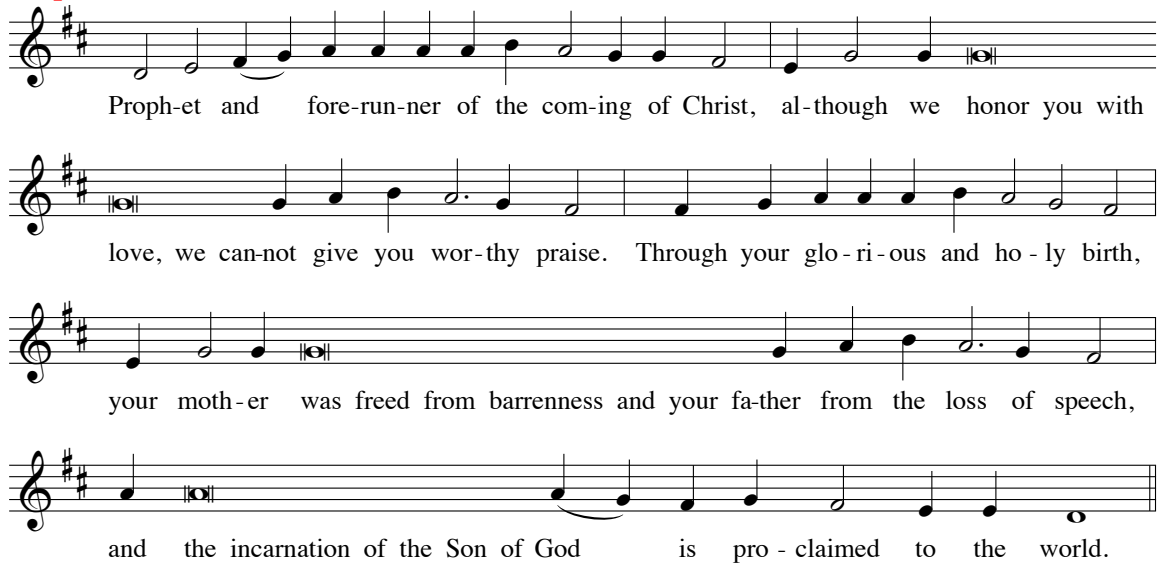
DIVINE LITURGY PROPERs FOR JUNE 25TH

Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Forerunner

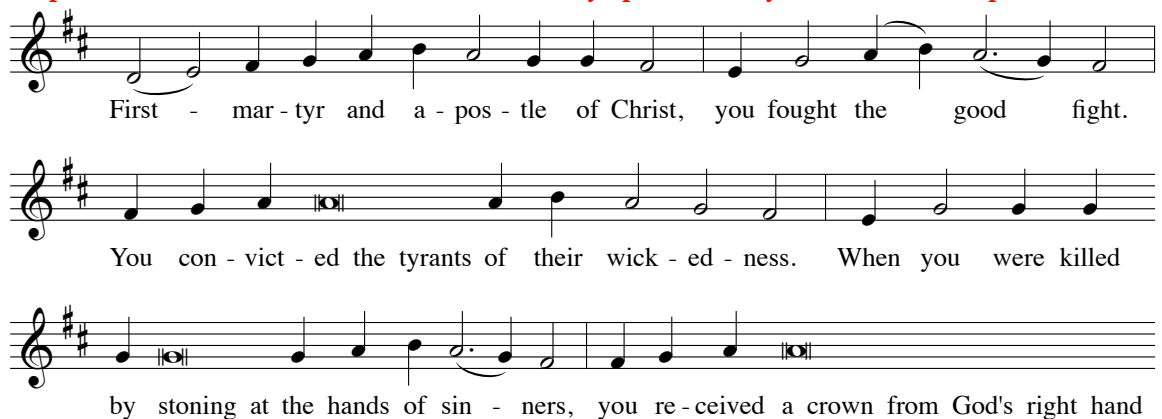
The holy venerable martyr Febronia, a young nun in her twentieth year, was a victim of the persecution of Diocletian in Sybapolis in Syria. (310)

Troparion of the Feast – The Forerunner John – *Tone 4*



Proph-et and fore-run-ner of the com-ing of Christ, al-though we honor you with
love, we can-not give you wor-thy praise. Through your glo-ri-ous and ho-ly birth,
your moth-er was freed from barrenness and your fa-ther from the loss of speech,
and the incarnation of the Son of God is pro-claimed to the world.

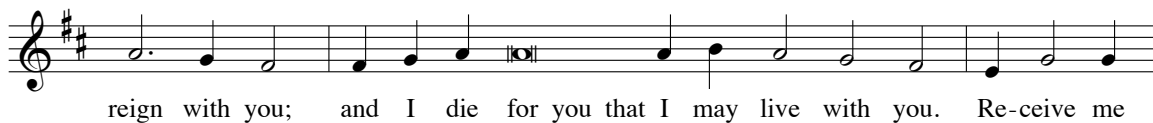
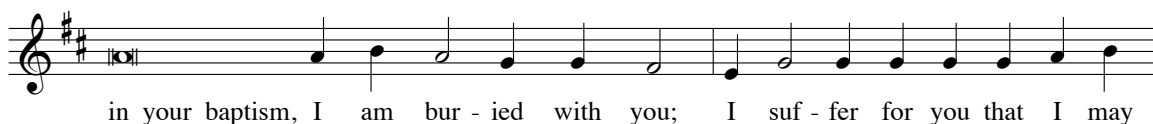
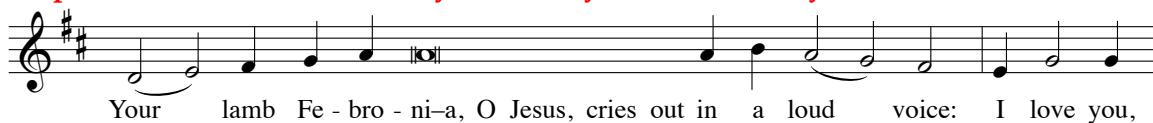
Troparion of the Patron of the Church – The holy apostle, martyr, and deacon Stephen– *Tone 4*



First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.
You con - vict - ed the tyrants of their wick - ed - ness. When you were killed
by stoning at the hands of sin - ners, you re - ceived a crown from God's right hand



Troparion of the Saint of the Day – The holy venerable martyr Febronia – Tone 4



Cantor (Tone 8):



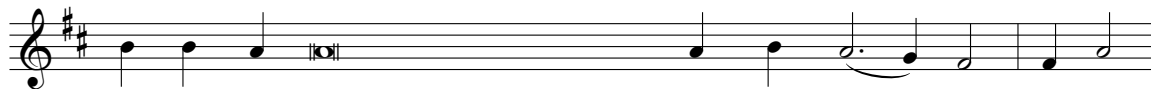
Kontakion of the Saint of the Day – The holy venerable martyr Febronia – *Tone 8*



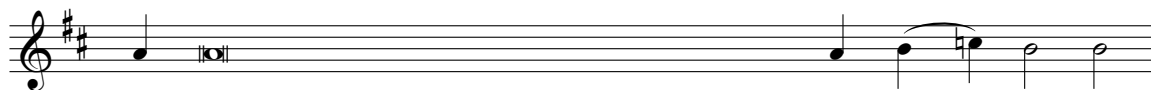
The mar - tyr Febroni-a spoke these words: It was not hard for me to follow you,



my be-lov - ed Lord, for the sweet-ness of your love filled my soul with yearn-ing,



and the beau - ty of your mercy drew me to drink your chal - ice, that you



might admit me to the marriage feast in heaven along with the wise vir - gins,



where I might sing to you. There - fore, O mar - tyr, we celebrate your martyr-dom



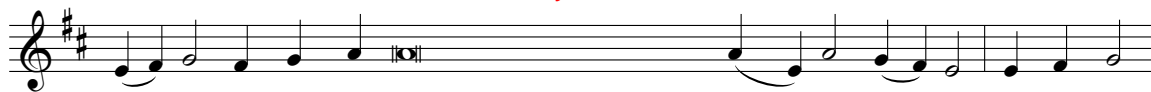
and be-seech you: Pray that the door to the feast re - main o - pen to us.

Cantor (*Tone 3*):



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Kontakion of the Feast – The Forerunner John – *Tone 3*



To - day, she who once was barren gives birth to Christ's fore-run - ner. He him-self



is the ful-fill-ment of all proph - e - cy; for in the Jor-dan, he im-posed

his hand up - on the Word of God whom the proph-ets have fore - told
and was shown to be his proph-et, her - ald, and fore - run - - - ner.

Prokeimenon for a Woman Martyr - Tone 4 (Psalm 67:36,27):

God is won - drous in his saints, the God of Is - ra - el,
the God of Is - ra - el.

Verse: In the churches bless God; from Israel's wellsprings bless the Lord.

Alleluia for a Woman Martyr - Tone 1 (Psalm 39:2,3):

Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.

Verse: He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the filthy clay.

Communion Hymn of the Forerunner (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re - mem - bered, be re - mem - bered for - ev - ver;



e - vil news he will not fear, e - vil news he will not fear. *Refrain* Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

¹Special Format