

**Veneration of the Jubilee Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos;
The Forerunner**

Troparion, Tone 4: (page 29)

To the Mother of God let us now have recourse with fervor,* and let us lowly sinners fall down in repentance crying from the depths of our souls:* "O Lady, help and have pity upon us!* Make haste! We perish under our many sins!* Turn not your servants away empty,* for in you we possess our only patroness!"

Troparion, Tone 2:

The just man is remembered with praises,* but for you the Lord's testimony suffices, O Forerunner,* for you truly became more honorable than the prophets* and were deemed worthy to baptize the One foretold.* Then you suffered for the truth and joyfully announced to those in Hades* that God appeared in the flesh taking away the sin of the world* and offering us great mercy.

Kontakion, Tone 6:

We have no other help, we have no other hope,* apart from you, O Immaculate Virgin.* Give us your help! In you we hope, and in you we glory,* for we are your servants. May we not be put to shame.

† Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 3:

She who once was barren gives birth today to the Forerunner of Christ,* who will fulfil every prophecy.* In the Jordan he placed his hand upon the One Whom the prophets foretold,* and thus was shown to be the prophet, the herald,* and the Forerunner of the Word of God.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 6:

Undaunted patroness of Christians,* O steadfast intermediary with the Creator,* turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners,* but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith.* Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead,* for you are ever the patroness of those who honor you, O Mother of God.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: (page 33)

My soul magnifies the Lord,* and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

verse: Because he has regarded the humility of His handmaid;* for behold, all generations shall call me blessed.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

The just man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

Epistle: Colossians 1:1,2,7-11

Alleluia, Tone 5:

verse: Hear, O daughter, and see,* and incline your ear.

verse: The rich among the people* shall entreat your countenance.

verse: The just man shall flourish like a palm tree, and he shall grow like cedar of Lebanon.

verse: They who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Communion verse:

I will take the chalice of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.* The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia. **(3X)**