

January 2nd-4th

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Stichera of the Praises

Byzantine Tone 6

Special Melody: *Ye angelic hosts*



1. Ye an - gel - ic hosts, go ye on the way be - fore us;
2. Come ye, with pure mouths and with souls made clean, and let us
3. Dread - ful is the mys - t'ry and great be - yond all tell - ing!
4. Of a Vir - gin born as the Flow - er sprung from Da - vid,



make your way from Beth - le - hem to the Riv - er Jor - dan;
mys - ti - c'lly leave Beth - le - hem, tak - ing forth our jour - ney;
For the Most High God is be - come like un - to man - kind;
Christ our God is come to the wa - ters of the Jor - dan,



and come forth, O thou Bap - tist John, a - ban - don the wil - der - ness.
and as we go with Christ un - to the Jor - dan with ea - ger haste,
and now He Who is in - no - cent and know - eth no sin at all
to wash a - way with - in its floods the sins__ of our an - ces - tor.




Make read - y, O riv - er, and re - joice, and let all thē earth be
let us sing to Him now, O ye tribes of thē earth, with joy and
com - eth forth and ask - eth to be bap - tized of John with - in the
Dance for joy, O Ad - am; Eve, be glad; and let Heav - en now de -




filled__ with glad - ness, for Christ__ com - eth__ now
ju - bi - la - tion, as we__ say__ in__ faith:
Jor - dan Riv - er on this__ ho - ly__ day.
- light__ and glo - ry; let us__ na - tions__ say:

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and purg - eth Ad - - - - am's sin a - way,
Bless - ed art Thou _____ Who art now come,
Bless - ed art Thou _____ Who hast ap - peared;
Bless - ed art Thou _____ Who art now come,



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since He _____ is com - pas - sion - ate. _____
our God, _____ glo - ry _____ be _____ to Thee. _____
our God, _____ glo - ry _____ be _____ to Thee. _____
our God, _____ glo - ry _____ be _____ to Thee. _____