

Jan. 4 Forefeast of the Theophany; Synaxis of the 70 Apostles;
Venerable Father Theoctistus

TROPARION (*Forefeast*) - in Tone 4:

Make ready, O Zebulon! /
Prepare, O Nephtali! /
Thou, River Jordan, cease thy flow! /
Receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! /
Thou, Adam, rejoice with the first mother! /
Hide not yourselves as you once did in Paradise! /
For, having seen you naked /
He appeared to clothe you anew with the first robe! ///
Yea, Christ hath appeared, desiring to renew the whole creation!

TROPARION (*Apostles*) - Tone 3

O holy apostles /
Intercede with our merciful God, /
That He may grant to our souls ///
The remission of our transgressions.

KONTAKION (*Apostles*) - Tone 3

Let us praise, O ye faithful, the host of the seventy apostles of
Christ/
And celebrate a spiritual feast in their honor. /
We have learned through them to adore the Trinity Undivided ///
For they are the shining stars of our holy Faith.

KONTAKION (*Forefeast*) - Tone 4

When the Lord descended today /
Into the waters of the Jordan, /
He cried aloud to John, /
"Be not afraid to baptize Me, ///
For I am come to save Adam, the first-formed man."