

Jan. 5 Forefeast of the Theophany; Martyr Theopemptus and
Theonas; Venerable Syncletica

TROPARION (*Eve*) - in Tone 4:

The river Jordan once turned back the mantle of Elisha /
After Elijah had been taken up into heaven, /
And the waters were divided on this side and on that: /
The stream became a dry path before him, /
Forming a true figure of the baptism whereby we pass over the
 changeful course of life. /
Christ has appeared in the Jordan ///
To sanctify the waters.

KONTAKION (*Forefeast - from the Sat before*)) - Tone 2

O Christ, who in Thy compassion and infinite mercy /
Takest away the multitude of all our transgressions, /
Thou comest as a man to be baptized /
In the waters of the Jordan, /
Clothing me in the raiment of the ancient glory ///
Of which I was cruelly stripped bare.

ANOTHER 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."