

June 25 Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Forerunner; Nun Martyr  
Febronia.

Troparion of the Forerunner - Tone 4:

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, /  
Although we cannot praise thee worthily /  
We honor thee in love at thy nativity, /  
For by it thou didst end the silence and break the barrenness ///  
Preaching to the world the incarnation of the Son of God.

Troparion of the Venerable Nun Martyr - in the same Tone:

O Jesus, Thy lamb Febronia /  
Cries out to Thee with great love: /  
"O my Bridegroom, I long for Thee in pain, /  
I am crucified with Thee, and in baptism buried with Thee; /  
I suffer for Thy sake in order to reign with Thee, /  
I die for Thee in order to live in Thee. /  
Accept me as a spotless victim /  
Since I am put to death because of my love for Thee." ///  
Through her prayers, O Merciful One, save our souls.

The Kontakion of the Nun Martyr - Tone 6: (*To the melody:*  
*"Steadfast protectress..."*)

"O my Bridegroom Jesus, most sweet," /  
Cried Febronia, "It is not difficult for me to follow Thee, /  
For the beauty of Thy mercy hath sweetened my heart, /  
And the sweetness of Thy love hath given wings of hope my soul, /  
That I might drain the cup of sufferings in emulation of Thee /  
That Thou mayest truly reckon me among the wise virgins who  
rejoice with Thee in Thy bridal-chamber." /

Therefore, O venerable passion-bearer, we honor the struggles of  
thy labors and cry out to thee: ///

Entreat the Lord, that we may not be left outside the doors of His  
bridal-chamber.

Kontakion of the Forerunner - Tone 3: *(To the melody: Today the  
Virgin..." )*

Today shé who once before was barren /  
Now giveth birth to the Forerunner of Christ. /  
He is the fulfillment of every prophecy, /  
For as the prophets proclaimed, once he laid his hands upon  
Him in the Jordan ///

He would be revealed as the Prophet, Herald and Forerunner of  
the Word of God.