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## ***Holy Prophet Zachariah***

*September 5*



Holy Prophet Zachariah and the Righteous Elizabeth were the parents of the holy Prophet, John the Forerunner and Baptist. Zachariah was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth was the sister of Anna, the mother of the Most Holy Theotokos. They were childless.

During a service in the Temple, Prophet Zachariah was told by Archangel Gabriel, that his wife would bear him a son, who will be great in the sight of the Lord (Luke 1:15) and will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias (Luke 1:17). Because Zachariah doubted the angel, he was struck dumb and unable to speak until the birth of John the Baptist.

*Apolytikion: In the vesture of a priest, according to the Law of God, thou didst offer unto Him well-pleasing whole-burnt offerings, as it befitted a priest, O wise Zacharias. Thou was a shining light, a seer of mysteries, bearing in thyself clearly the signs of grace; and in God's temple, O wise Prophet of Christ God, thou was slain with the sword. Hence, with the Forerunner, make entreaty that our souls find salvation.*