

Beheading of John the Baptist – August 29

Tropar, tone 2:

The remembrance of the just is worthy of praise,* but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner;* for it has shown that you are indeed more worthy of honour than the prophets.* You were found worthy to baptize the Lord whom you foretold.* Thereafter, you suffered for the truth* and rejoicing, also announced the good news to those in the Abyss that God has appeared as man,* taking away the sins of the world and granting to all of us the abundance of mercy.

Glory Be..., tone 5:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kondak, tone 5:

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner was part of God's saving plan* that the coming of the Saviour might be announced even to those in the Abyss.* Weep, then, Herodias, that you asked for the wicked murder,* because you loved neither God's law nor eternal life,* but only the passing pleasure of life.

Prokimen, tone 7:

The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

Verse: *Hear, O God, my voice, when I make my petition to you.*

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Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (13: 25 - 32)

Alleluia Verses:

The just man shall blossom like the palm tree, and he shall stand still like the cedars of Lebanon.

Planted in the house of the Lord, they will blossom in the courts of our God.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-30

Communion Hymn (Verse):

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!