

The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John (Aug 29)

The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ. Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (ruler of one fourth of the Holy Land) and governor of Galilee.



The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens.

Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom.

The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Though he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, as well as the people who loved the holy Forerunner, yet because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome. ...

The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck.

Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligula (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

(Adapted from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/08/29/102419-the-beheading-of-the-holy-glorious-prophet-forerunner-and-baptist>)



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August 29, 2021

BEHEADING OF THE FORERUNNER & BAPTIST JOHN

COMMEMORATIONS:

VENERABLE THEODORA OF THESSALONICA
THEOPISTIS AND JOSEPH THE SANCTIFIED OF SAMAKA
ANASTASIOS THE NEW MARTYR OF BULGARIA
SAINT ARKADIOS THE WONDERWORKER, BISHOP OF
ARSINOE, CYPRUS

Tone 1 - Eothinon 10
Orthros Gospel: St. John 21:1-14
Epistle: Acts 13:25-33
Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 6:14-30

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 1 - While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding thy most pure Body, thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto thee, O Giver of life: Glory to thy resurrection, O Christ! Glory to thy kingdom! Glory to thy providence, O thou who alone art the Lover of mankind!

APOLYTIKION OF THE BAPTIST'S BEHEADING - Tone 2 - The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Whom they had proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us Great Mercy.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confession 8:30 a.m.
Baptismal LITURGY (Bushelli—Many Years!)
9:45 a.m.
Blessing of Icons from Adult Icon. Workshop
Coffee Hour

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Sept 5):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn. Justin G.	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Grandma & Grandpa Ferguson Happy Birthday, William Basil!	Sarah & Alex Kaminsky 6th Anniversary
USHERS:	Dan M. & Steve K.	Steve K. & Tom A.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex & Sarah K.	Nathan & Rebecca; Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Sze; Sh. Hannah; Gabe	Chris H; Maria S; Amelia T

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a donation to the
St. Justin Academy
which is up and running as our parish's own Classical Co-op this fall.
Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

Mark Your Calendar:

Nativity of the Theotokos

Tuesday, September 7
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
Orthros 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, September 8
Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

Sunday School begins Sept 12

International Food Festival

September 17-18

Bp THOMAS Visit

October 2-3

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, November 7

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Joanne	+HM Nikolai
Mona-Rebecca	
Patrick	(August Parish
Suzanne (H)	Diptychs)
Doris	+Mary
John	+Augustine
James	(Jerald)
Lasha B	+Iwan
Otari B	+Victor
Daniel H	+APr Michael
Peter	+Myron
Anesia	+APr Boniface
Anna	
George K.	
Volodymyr	
Newly-Illumined	
Raphael & Nathan	
Baby Theodora	<u>Catechumens</u>
	Shaun,
	Laura,
Priest Thomas,	Taylor,
Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill,	Tim & Luke,
Elaine	Kate,
& all Missionaries	Tyson,
	Joseph & Alana,
New & Expectant	Ryan,
Mothers & their	Michael, Tina
children	
For the people of our	
land and their	
repentance, healing &	
unity	

OFFERINGS: Candles, \$186. Collections, \$285.53. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$98. Classical School Fund, \$50. Mortgage Reduction, \$250. Needy Fund, \$250. Women's Fund, \$10. Twelve Baskets, \$100. Icon Workshop, \$401.35. Stewardship, \$3,010. Total received: \$4,641.88.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS ARE CONTINUING!



Our 9th International Food Festival is scheduled for Sept 17-18. **All parishioners, your help is needed! Sign-up sheets to volunteer are in the Narthex.** Also, take a Festival Packet in the Narthex, and ask those who you do business with to be a sponsor. Let's work together to make this the best Food Festival yet!

This Week:

- Mon, Aug 30:** Church open
- Tues, Aug 31:** 6th Hour Prayers, 12 Noon
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
Lesser Blessing of Water 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, Sept 1:** Ecclesiastical New Year
Little Compline 6:30 p.m.
Patristic Reading Group 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Sept 2:** Church open
- Friday, Sept 3:** Church open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Sept 4:** Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Confession 7:30 p.m.
- Sun, Sept 5:** ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour after Liturgy
- Mon, Sept 6:** *Labor Day Picnic, 12 Noon*

AUGUST OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Paper Products

CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”