

**Divine Liturgy Propers, August 29, 2010**  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN**

Because John had denounced Herod Antipas for putting away his own wife and marrying the wife of his brother Philip, Herod imprisoned John. At a feast in honor of Herod's birthday, his stepdaughter Salome danced for him. Herod promised her anything; her mother Herodias told her to ask for the head of John on a platter. This martyrdom is commemorated on this day because a church was dedicated on this day to the Forerunner's beheading by the emperor Constantine and his mother Helena.

**Hymn**

*melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We Hasten to Your Patronage*



1. To - day in Your fore - run-ner's praise Your church will raise its voice;  
2. While in the midst of na - tal feast, King Her - od -at the sight  
3. Caught 'twixt two e - vils, Her - od chose to keep his crav - en vow;



And once a - gain we tell the tale of awe - some, lov - ing choice:  
Of danc - ing, schem - ing Sa - lo - me - gave prom - ise to de - light.  
He had the Bap - tist mur - dered then; and John, though voice - less now,

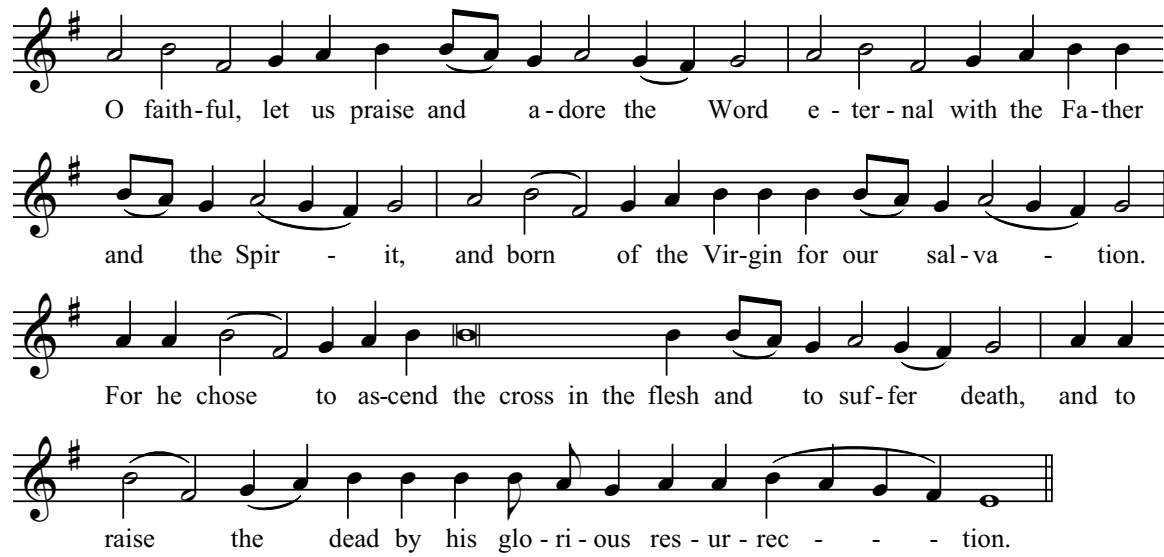


How John the Bap - tist, speak - ing truth, to Her - od gave of - fense;  
And she, in ans - wer to his oath, spurred on by moth - er's spite,  
Still calls us each to pen - ance from his place in heav - en's rest,



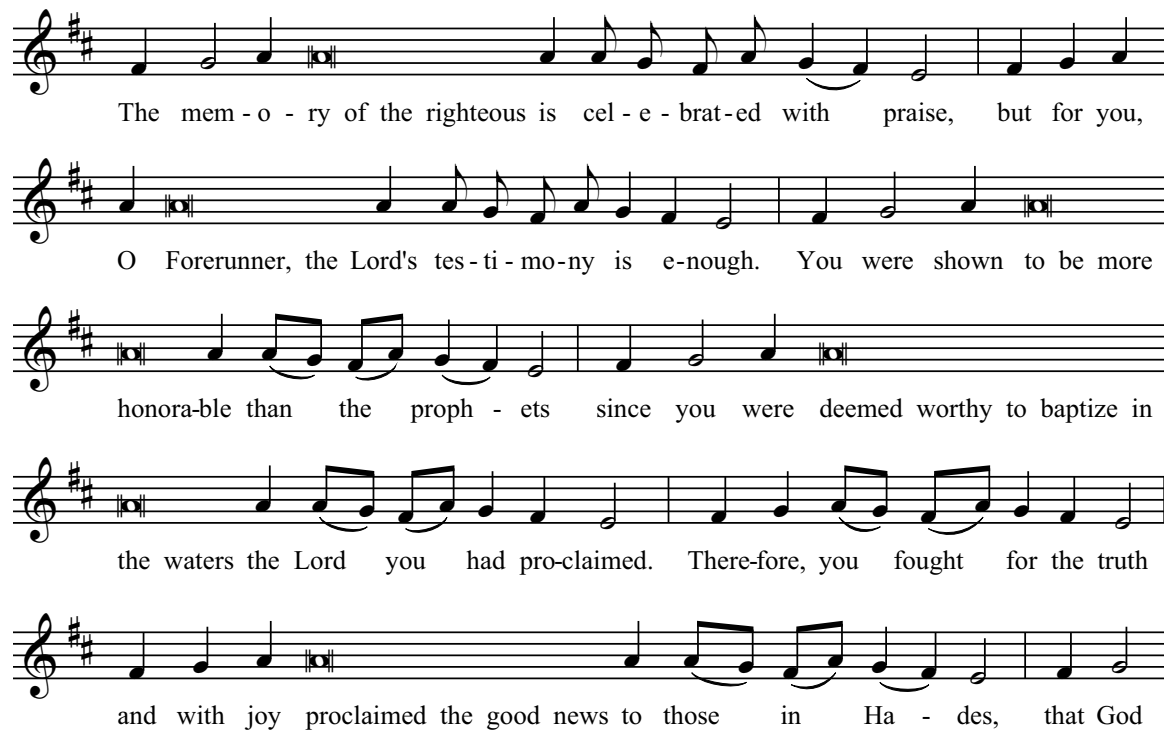
And thus was shut in pris - on cell with - out a sure de - fense.  
Asked for the sev - ered head of John as boon that fate - ful night.  
Where he sings songs of glo - ry to the Trin - i - ty most blest.

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5**



O faith-ful, let us praise and a-dore the Word e - ter - nal with the Fa-ther  
and the Spir - it, and born of the Vir-gin for our sal - va - tion.  
For he chose to as-cend the cross in the flesh and to suf-fer death, and to  
raise the dead by his glo - ri - ous res - ur - rec - - - tion.

**Troparion of the Beheading of the Forerunner - Tone 2**



The mem - o - ry of the righteous is cel - e - brat-ed with praise, but for you,  
O Forerunner, the Lord's tes - ti - mo - ny is e - nough. You were shown to be more  
honora-ble than the proph - ets since you were deemed worthy to baptize in  
the waters the Lord you had pro-claimed. There-fore, you fought for the truth  
and with joy proclaimed the good news to those in Ha - des, that God

**Communion Hymns:**

For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1): (music found on pages 78-81)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for the Forerunner, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 111:6,7):

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The just man will be re-mem-bered for-ev-er; e-vil news he  
will not fear, e-vil news he will not fear. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia!

has ap-peared in the flesh to take a-way the sins of the world and to  
grant us great mer-cy.

*Cantor*

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

**Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 5**

O Sav-ior, you de-scend-ed in-to Ha-des. You crushed its  
gates as the Al-might-y. You raised the dead and destroyed the sting  
of Death as the Cre-a-tor. You de-liv-ered Ad-am from the curse,  
O Lov-er of us all; there-fore, all cry out to you, O Lord,  
save us.

*Cantor*

Now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

**Kontakion of the Beheading of the Forerunner - Tone 5**

The glo-ri-ous be - head-ing of the Forerunner was part of God's sav-ing plan  
that the com-ing of the Sav-ior might be announced even to those in Ha - des.  
Let He - ro - di - as mourn for she sought a law - less mur - der  
be - cause she loved neither the Law of God nor e - ter - nal life,  
but on - ly this false and fleet - ing life.

*Note: the second kontakion (of the Beheading) is optional. If it is omitted, sing the Kontakion of the Resurrection after "Glory... now and ever..." in Tone 5:*

*Cantor*

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for-ev - er. A - - men.

**Prokeimenon of the Resurrection - Tone 5 (Psalm 11:8,2):**

You, O Lord, will keep us and pre-serve us for - ev - - er,  
for - ev - er from this gen - er - a - - - tion.

*Verse:* Save me, O Lord, for the righteous have vanished.  
*and then immediately:*

**Prokeimenon of the Forerunner - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)**

The just man will re-joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord  
and will put his trust in him.

**Alleluia of the Resurrection - Tone 5 (Psalm 88:2,3):**

Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Verse:* I shall sing forever of your mercies, O Lord;  
through all generations my mouth will proclaim your truth.

*Verse:* For you have said: Mercy is built to last forever.  
Your truth is firmly established in heaven.

*and then immediately:*

**Alleluia of the Forerunner - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13,14):**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

[*Verse:* Planted in the house of the Lord, he will flourish in the courts of our God.]