

AUG 29      The beheading of the Glorious Forerunner & Baptist, John

TROPARION of the Forerunner - Tone 2

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, /  
But the Lord's testimony is enough for thee, O Forerrunner; /  
For thou wast shown to be more wonderful than the prophets, /  
Since thou wast granted to baptize Him Whom thou didst proclaim. /  
Then having endured great suffering for the Truth, /  
Thou didst rejoice to bring even to those in Hades the good tidings: /  
That God Who hath appeared in the flesh takes away the sin of  
the world, ///  
And grants us great mercy.

KONTAKION of the Forerunner - Tone 5

The beheading of the glorious Forerrunner /  
Was by divine providence; /  
That the coming of the Savior might be proclaimed to those in hell. /  
Let Herodias, therefore, mourn - who sought unlawful murder, /  
For she has not affected the Law of God, /  
Nor has she sought eternal life, ///  
Preferring instead the worldly one.