

AUG 30 Afterfeast Beheading of the Forerunner; Our fathers
Alexander, John and Paul, Patriarchs Of Constantinople.

TROPAR 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 Forerunner; /
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.

TROPAR of the Hierarchs - Tone 4

O God of our fathers /
Deal with us according to Thy compassion /
Take not away Thy mercy from us /
But through the prayers of our fathers ///
Guide our lives along the way of peace.

KONTAKION of the Hierarchs - Tone 8

Inflamed with the love of Christ, O glorious ones /
You took up His precious Cross upon your shoulders; /
And having imitated His life on earth you now share in His
divine glory, /
O godly-wise Alexander, wondrous John and glorious Paul. /
Therefore, standing now before the throne [of glory] ///
Ceaselessly pray for the salvation of our souls.

KONTAKION of the Forerunner - Tone 5

The beheading of the glorious Forerunner /
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.