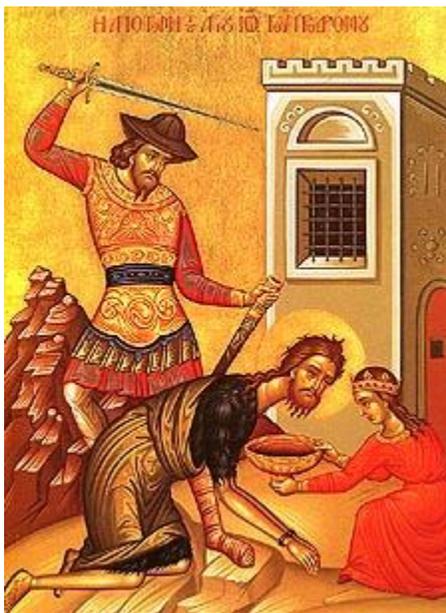


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Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am.
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August 24, 2014:11th Sunday after Pentecost/Hieromartyr Eutychius



Beheading of St. John The Baptist: August 29

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)
When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 4 Troparion (Hieromartyr Eutychius)
By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation,
O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the
shedding of your blood.
Hieromartyr Eutýchius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 4 Troparion (St. Nikolai)
In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our
souls may be saved!

Tone 2 Kontakion (Resurrection)
Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Tone 3 Kontakion (Hieromartyr Eutychius)

A successor of the Apostles and an excellent example to bishops,
Eutýchius, you were glorified as a martyr.

You shone forth like the sun enlightening all, dispelling the dark night of godlessness.
Therefore, we honor you as truly a godly celebrant of the Mysteries of Christ.

Tone 2 Prokeimenon

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Tone 2 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist (*commemorated; August 29*): The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyred end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ.

Following the Baptism of the Lord, St 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. (After the death of king Herod the Great, the Romans divided the territory of Palestine into four parts, and put a governor in charge of each part. Herod Antipas received Galilee from the emperor Augustus).

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 Herodias, 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. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of St John and to give it to Salome.

According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: "Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip." Salome took the platter with the head of St John and gave it to her mother. The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet with a needle and buried his holy head in a unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod's steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated (February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the wicked deed had been done.

After the murder of St John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12).

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 St 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 Caligua (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of St 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 as an added act of piety, people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING!

There will be an informational meeting regarding the building plans immediately after Liturgy, Sunday, August 24.

Divine Liturgy, Friday, August 29, 2014 at St. George Romanian Church on 30th Street in Canton at 9:00 am for Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Strict Fast Day).

WE ARE RETURNING TO THE DEWALD CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014!

For the next two weeks while we are still in the Library, if you need assistance getting from the parking lot to the Library, please call Security at the University and they will provide the assistance you need.

PRAYERS are requested for:

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Jim (Cousin of Fr. David)

George Borojevich (brother of Wally and Debby)

Ava Cooper (infant who is undergoing surgery for heart defects)

Mother Ana Nanci Stradley (Pancreatic Cancer)

Dawn Shaheen

Sharon Budd (Teacher from Perry, injured when rock thrown from overpass)

Patricia Kosivich, friend of and helper to Mother Ana

Father Joe Cervo

+Emily Waseman (with Parents and family)

+Zora Penovich (with Bob and family)

+Bertha (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)
+ Proto Milan Zubenitsa (newly departed Kum of Father Dragan)
+Helen Mieloff (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)

COFFEE HOUR:

Coffee Hour Sunday, August 17 was provided by the Father Joe and Linda Cervo. Thank you!!

Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 24 will be provided by The Krupko Family.

Coffee Hour on Sunday, August 31 will be provided by Tom and Lana Baier.

Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to help. Coffee Hour for the summer needs to be very simple (i.e. coffee, donuts, juice) due to facility constrictions. Any leftovers will need to go home with the host.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Jacob Baier 8/22

Greg Cervo 8/23

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:

None

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