

August 29th, 2021

Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

Resurrectional Apolytikion – 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 Savior, 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.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Kontakion of the Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

SYNAXARION

On August 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the beheading of the holy, honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Herod Antipas, son of the Herod who slew the young children in Bethlehem at the time of the Savior's birth, ruled of Galilee when John the Baptist preached. The evil Herod put away his lawful wife, the daughter of Prince Aretas, and took Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, to live with him while Philip was still alive. John the Baptist stood up against this lawlessness and strongly denounced Herod, at which Herod threw him into prison and ordered him beheaded. The event is recalled in today's Orthros and Liturgy Gospel lections. John's disciples took the body of their teacher by night and buried it, but Herod tore out John's tongue with a needle and then buried his head in an unclean place. God quickly punished the evildoers. Prince Aretas, to avenge his daughter's honor, attacked Herod with his army and brought him to his knees. As exiles, Herod and Herodias lived in need and debasement until the earth opened and swallowed them up. Salome, Herodias' daughter, came to a bad end in the river Sikaris. The Church commemorates the beheading today because a church that had been built over his grave in Sebastia by Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena was consecrated on this day.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Theodora of Thessalonica; and Theopistis and Joseph the Sanctified of Samaka. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America, Primate

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

The Rev. David Hyatt, Assistant Pastor

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet today, Sunday, August 29th, following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Last Week: 154

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$4,030.00

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: \$7,539.00

Church Calendar

August 29 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy with Bp. Thomas. Inquirer's Class.

August 31 5:00 pm Orthros. 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy. The Indiction, Ecclesiastical New Year.

September 4 6:00 pm Vespers.

September 5 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bp. John of New England.

Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health and healing

Metropolitan Joseph

Bishop Thomas

Olena Bassarab

Jamey Miller

Matthew Miller

Officer Jamie Miller

Joyce "Kassiane" Williams

Wayne "Stephen" Coleson

Michael Acierno

Ray Jauncito

Ian Snyder

Nicolas El Atieh

Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

Jerry "David" Desautels

Nancy Usner

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP

Bishop Antoun

Priest Boniface Black

Leavitt "George" Keener

Mary Jane Glagola

Norm "Nourhan" Kailian

Eva "Marie" Kailian

Nicholas Raptapolus

Walter and Mary Damm

Donnell Gregory Beck

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Martha Allen

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Andrew Himes

Patty May

Julie Acierno

Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic

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