

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Tropar Tone 2:

The remembrance of the Just is worthy of praise, * but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; * for it has shown that you are indeed more worthy of honor than the Prophets. * You were found worthy to baptize the Lord Whom you foretold. * Thereafter, you suffered for the truth * and, rejoicing, also announced the good news to those in the Abyss * that God had appeared as man * taking away the sins of the world * and granting to all of us the abundance of mercy.

Kontakion Tone 5:

Glory be: now and ever: The glorious beheading of the Forerunner * was part of God's saving plan * that the Coming of the Savior might be announced even to those in the Abyss. * Weep then, Herodias, that you asked for a wicked murder, * because you loved neither God's law nor eternal life, * but only the passing pleasure of life.

Prokimenon Tone 7:

The just man is glad, in the Lord, and takes refuge in Him.
v. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray to You.

Alleluia Tone 4:

v. The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

v. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courtyard of our God.

Communion:

The just man shall be, in everlasting remembrance; an evil report, he shall not fear. Alleluia!