



Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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August 29, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost

**The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet,
Forerunner, and Baptist, John**
Kontakion tone 5 (Forerunner)

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner became an act of divine dispensation, for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior.

Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, loving not the Law of God, nor eternal life, but that which is false and temporal.

Birthdays: Missy Hinkle-Aug. 30

Remember in your Prayers: Bishop Herman, Priest Emilian, Priest John, Priest Nicholas, Priest James, Priest John, Kathryn, Lorraine, Jennifer, Rose, Effie, Christina, John, Christine, Ivy Elizabeth, Yvette, John, Tyler, David, Jenny, Paul, Paul, Annie, Erin, Clare, Dianne, Joe, Bryce, Luke, Melanie, Amailia, Stavro, Thomas, Ethan, Emmitt, Mary, Jack, James, Alaina, Kyle, William, Ron, Christina, Missy, Bob, Carol, Linda, Korey, Cathy, Maggie, Mike, Artem, Antonina, Elaine, Cali, Mariah, James, John, Barbara, Tom, George, David, Charlie, Joseph, Heather, Jean, Nicole, Ally, Reagan, Tara, Sam, Ray, Bill, Hannah, Edward, Rick, Roy, Mary, Michael, Taylor, Pamela, Jillian, Jean, Jesse, Kurt, Nancy, Theodore, John, Finley, Paula, Nathan, Noah, Nikki Ann, Matthew, Diane, Sarah, Martin, Iva, Stephen, Rory, Peter, Gloria, Justina, Jean, Ann, Tom, Beverly, Roy, Sonia

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday August 29-Beheading of St. John the Baptist Divine Liturgy 9:30 am followed by fellowship.

Saturday September 4-Vespers/Confessions 6pm

Sunday September 5-Divine Liturgy 9:30 am followed by fellowship.

Collection for August 22

Candles-\$39.00; Donations-\$50.00; Loose Money-\$211.00; Weekly Envelopes-\$645.00; Total-\$945.00

The Prophet John the Baptist surely offended people when he uncompromisingly pointed out people's shortcomings and hypocrisy. He called people to a deep and sincere repentance, to authentic change in their lives. He didn't accept the status quo of religion and surely didn't believe it was enough to be a "typical" Jew who would offer sacrifices at the Temple or go to synagogue, and do the minimum of one's faith tradition while living a life contrary to God's ways. He challenged the norm and put the spotlight on hypocrisy of the religious leaders and pseudo-faithful. Now the prophet comes in and stirs up the pot. He is not a pastor who gently meets people where they're at, carefully challenging them and slowly guiding them in the direction of a new life in Christ. -Fr. Luke Veronis