

# ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

Saturday Vespers, 7:00 pm • Sunday Matins & Liturgy, 8:30 am

**Beheading of St. John the Baptist**



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*Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:*

**Troparion of the Resurrection (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.”

**Troparion for St. John the Baptist (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.

**Kontakion for 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!”

**Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4):** Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

## **THE EPISTLE**

*For the Beheading of St. John*

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord. Hearken unto my voice, O God.

### **The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles (13:25-33)**

In those days, as John was fulfilling his course, he said, “Who do you suppose that I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes one after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose.” Men, brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you is the word of this salvation sent forth. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read on every

Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him. And though they found no cause of death in Him, yet they asked Pilate that He should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all the things that were written of Him, they took Him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead; and for many days He was seen by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news of the promise made to the fathers, that God has fulfilled the same to us their children, in that He raised up Jesus again.

## **THE GOSPEL**

*For the Beheading of St. John*

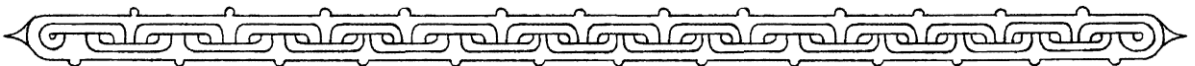
### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (6:14-30)**

At that time, Jesus' Name had become known, and King Herod heard of it. Some said, "John the Baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in Him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly.

But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.

When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

*For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website [www.allsaintsorthodox.org](http://www.allsaintsorthodox.org)*

This weekend at All Saints:

- Please note Aug. 29 is a day of fasting and repentance, in honor of the beheading of St. John the Baptist.
- We are pleased to welcome **John and Kristin Coatney**, veterinary/medical missionaries to Ethiopia. After coffee hour, please join us downstairs for a presentation on their work.

This week:

- Confession, anointing, and other pastoral services will be available after every listed service, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.
- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 1:** Vespers for the Church New Year, 7pm.
- **Saturday, Sept. 4:** Intro to Orthodoxy class, 6pm; Vespers, 7pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 5: Sts. Zecharias and Elizabeth.** Matins, 8:30am; Divine Liturgy, 9:30am, followed by coffee hour.

Mark your calendars:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 7:** Vespersal Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos, 7pm.
- **Sunday, Sept. 12:** First day of church school.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 14:** Vespersal Divine Liturgy and procession of the Holy Cross, 7pm
- **Saturday, Sept. 18:** Wedding of Thomas and Kadisha, 1pm. (No vespers this day)

## ANNUAL CHURCH BUDGET

We're approaching the end of our fiscal year and prepping for the next. Please let Octavian know by the end of August if you have budget-related ideas or suggestions. Your input will be discussed in the September Parish Council meeting in the context of the 2021-2022 budget draft.



# No Neutral Ground

## *The Cost of Discipleship in a Secular Age*

THE 2021  
**Touchstone**  
CONFERENCE

October 14–16, 2021  
Deerfield, Illinois

### Speakers Include

- Hans Boersma
- Allan Carlson
- Rod Dreher
- Anthony Esolen
- S. M. Hutchens
- Peter Leithart
- Patrick Henry Reardon
- Carl Trueman

*More details to follow*  
[touchstonemag.com](http://touchstonemag.com)

*Parable of the Sower, 1557*  
Pieter Bruegel the Elder

## :: THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ::

*Adapted from [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)*

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

Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch and governor of Galilee. 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 Herod, 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 Saint John and to give it to Salome, who then took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother.

According to one tradition, Herodias buried the holy head in a unclean place, but the pious Joanna, wife of Herod's steward Chuza, recovered it and buried it on the Mount of Olives. The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia.

The Beheading of Saint 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 pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

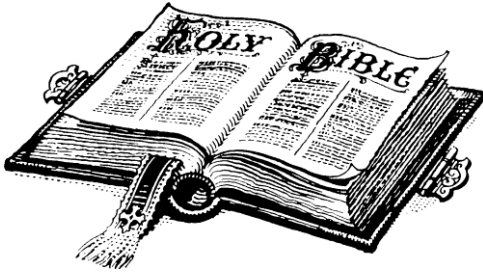
# Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
<b>Sun, Aug. 29</b> <i>St. John the Baptist</i>	Paul K. <i>Acts 13:25-33</i>	Dn. Walid	Jerry C.	Alina S.	A-F <i>(Fasting)</i>
<b>Sun., Sept. 5</b>	Michelle C <i>1Cor 9:2-12</i>	Sandy A	Domitille	Lydia A.	G-K
<b>Tues., Sept. 7</b> <i>Nativity Theotokos</i>	Joseph L <i>Phil 2:5-11</i>	Octavian		<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck</i>
<b>Sun., Sept. 12</b>	Richard C <i>Gal 6:11-18</i>	Debbie K	Nancy L	Domitille	L-P
<b>Tues., Sept. 14</b> <i>Holy Cross</i>	Sd Joseph <i>1Cor 1:18-24</i>	Octavian		<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Potluck</i> <i>(Fasting)</i>
<b>Sun., Sept. 19</b>	Doug J <i>Gal 2:16-20</i>	Pat K	Azizeh C	Alina S	R-Z
<b>Sun., Sept. 26</b>	Polycarp <i>1 Jn 4:12-19</i>	Domitille	Jerry C	Zach C	A-F

***Please note our regular coffee hour rotation has resumed!*** As we've done in the past, the church will be divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

***Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour.*** And of course, things go faster when we can all pitch in and help.

*Also, if you are providing holy bread for Liturgy, or food/snacks for coffee hour, please feel free to provide a list of names (living and departed) of your family members or friends, to be read at the Great Entrance on that day.*



# DAILY BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST 29-SEPT. 4, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE  
LECTIONARY OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ARCHDIOCESE

**Sunday, August 29: Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

Isaiah 40:1-11 / Malachi 3:1-24 / Wisdom of Solomon 4:7, 16-20; 5:1-7  
John 21:1-14 / Acts 13:25-33 / Mark 6:14-30

**Monday, Aug. 30: Holy New Martyrs of Serbia**

Exodus 34 / 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:13 / Matthew 22:34-40

**Tuesday, Aug. 31: Cyprian the Hieromartyr & Bishop of Carthage**

Exodus 35 / 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:18 / Matthew 22:41-46

**Wednesday, Sept. 1: Church New Year & Righteous Joshua, Son of Nun**

Joshua 6 / Isaiah 61:1-9 / Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15  
1 Timothy 2:1-7 / Luke 4:16-22

**Thursday, Sept. 2: John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople**

Exodus 36 / 2 Corinthians 4:1-12 / Matthew 24:1-14

**Friday, Sept. 3: Phoebe the Deaconess**

Exodus 37 / 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 / Matthew 24:15-31

**Saturday, Sept. 4: Holy Prophet Moses, the God-seer**

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 / Matthew 19:1-12

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