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**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**Beheading of the Forerunner and Baptist John Venerable  
Theodora of Thessalonica; Theopistis and Joseph the Sanctified of Samaka**

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE (Page 110 in the Spiral Bound Book)** - *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 IN TONE TWO** - *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 TO ST. MOSES THE BLACK** *Dweller of the desert and angel in the body, you were shown to be a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Moses. You received heavenly gifts through fasting, vigil, and prayer: healing the sick and the souls of those drawn to you by faith. Glory to Him who gave you strength! Glory to Him who granted you a crown! Glory to Him who through you grants healing to all!*

**KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR** - *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.*

#### **THE EPISTLE**

**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**

**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.

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#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, August 31, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Weekly Liturgy**

**Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Weekly Vespers**

**Saturday, September 4, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**

**Sunday, September 5, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Weekly Liturgy**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 5:00 PM - Great Vespers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - 7:30 AM - Matins and Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**

**Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Weekly Vespers**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 6:00 PM - Great Vespers**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 9:30 AM - Matins and Divine Liturgy**

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**PRAYER LIST - Please contact Pres. Kristina Abernathy via email at [Kristina.nicole@me.com](mailto:Kristina.nicole@me.com) or via text to add living or departed names to the prayer list.**

**LIVING**— Metropolitan Boulous, Archbishop Johana, Archpriest Jason & Family, Archpriest Anthony & Family, Archpriest James, Kh. Linda, Kh. Vanessa, Archpriest Moses, Matuska Magdalena, Priest Martin, Kh. Melinda, Majesta, Priest Joseph, Kh. Arleen, Justin, Cristopher, Priest Dimitri, Pres. Beth, Hieromonk Alexi, Deacon John, Shimashee Brenda, Deacon Abraham, Shimashee Laurie, The Sisterhood of the Transfiguration Monastery, The Seminarian Paul, The Seminarian Igiri, The Seminarian Alexandros, Rachel, Caroline, Melania, Sister Janice, Sister Janice, Andrea, Brandon, Isabella, Marcella, Peter, Julitta, David, Jerrel, Moses, Xenia, Thekla, Tracy, Joshua, Dustin, Amera, Adam, Moses, Hanni, The Khalil Family, Michael, Maria, Ana, Mary, Macrina, Tobiah Basil, Ron, Arbutus, Elizabeth, Chelsea and Ryan, Pani Kathy, Donna, Tina, Tracey, Diane, Carletta, Tyra, Gabriel, Staci & Kyle, Antoine, Rhonda, Daniel, Emma, Deborah, Gus, Marianne, James, Cathy, Daniel, James, Taili, Angela, Ted, John, The students of the Pitt/CMU/Duquesne/Waynesburg OCF, Alexandra, Nadine, Elise, Katherine, Anthony, Steven, Tommy, Joanna, Alexis, Juliana, Judah, Nikola, Katherine, Mark, Sophie, Abbie, Katie, Wayne, Samuel, Karen & Family, Vicky, Gabby, Ashley & Family, Nicole, Jason, Kyle, Noah, Jim and Robin, John, Oxanna, Vasily, Lorraine, Willie Jean, Yeshe, Abel, Abeba and Family, Isaias, Samuel, Sharon and Family, Nashwa Family, Thomas, Maher, Marion, Nezla, Maria, Jennifer, Michael and Family, Laray, Carmen, Andy, Courtney & Family, Peggy and Justin, Mary and John, Charles and Diane, Michael, Najet, Tom and Judy, Ethan Family

**DEPARTED** — Newly Departed Mary, Newly Departed Barbara, Newly Departed George, Ana and John, Newly Departed Kathy, Newly Departed Tarra

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