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## BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### OPENING DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### Epistle Readings

1 Corinthians 16:13-24  
Acts 13:25-32

#### Gospel Readings

Matthew 21:33-42  
Matthew 6:14-30

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

#### Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

#### Troparion (St. John)

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets, for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the steams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold. Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, thou didst proclaim to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.

#### Kontakion (St. John)

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.

#### Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

#### Prayer for our Church School Students

○ Lord our God, open the hearts and minds of these children, Your servants, that they may understand the knowledge taught to them. Preserve them in the Orthodox Faith and in holiness all the days of their lives. Amen +



Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour for refreshments and to get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John today. And come again for worship and fellowship.

#### Memory Eternal, Večnaja Pamjat, Eonia i Mnimi, Mengiste Semayat Yawareselen

We pray for the souls of the newly departed: Metropolitan Herman (Swaiko), retired OCA primate, the child Sophia, and Mark Littell, friend of our Orthodoxy 201 class. God grant eternal rest to them, to John Parks Carmichael on his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and to Orthodox Christians and all others who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

#### St. Luke 2022-23 Church School Year – Opening Day

The new school year begins today with John Minahan as Director along with our team of teachers: John, JoAnne de la Riva, Chris Little, Christine Glomazic, and Tatjana Jovanic.

#### Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 14 at 7PM on Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion of Fr. Lawrence Farley's commentary on the Gospel of Luke; this week is chapter 15. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and his notes.

#### St. Mark Orthodox Church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Saturday, September 17

Please join Fr. Gregory Safchuk and the parishioners of St. Mark in the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their founding as a parish. It has been especially arranged to have the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 9:30AM on Saturday so that as many as possible could join them for this most blessed occasion: 7124 River Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817

#### 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial for Alexia Kalias – Sunday, September 18

We will remember the newly-departed Alexia Kalias in Memorial Prayers after Divine Liturgy on September 18. If possible, please bring a special food to share at Coffee Hour.

#### Addictions Workshop Support Network – Monday, September 26 – 7-8:15PM

The Addictions Support Network is free and open to all individuals interested in listening to ongoing support presentations/lectures hosted by St. Nicholas Cathedral.  
<https://zoom.us/j/2100687480> Meeting ID: 210 068 7480, Password: 208156

#### God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Popadija Kitty and Dina Shawish on their birthdays and Kelly Pavela on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her Chrismation. Anniversary blessings to Hunter and Irena Whitestone and to Paul and Magdalene Braggula. Mnogaja Ljeta!