

Order of the Divine Liturgy

Commemoration of the Apodosis of the Feast of the Forerunner; Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Phantinos the Righteous of Calabria; 16 Monk-martyrs of Thebes; 6 Martyrs of Melitene; The Synaxis of the Holy Hierarchs of Serbia; The Holy New Martyrs of Serbia

August 30, 2014

APOLYTIKIA

The Beheading of Saint John the Forerunner -- Second Mode

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou was granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

Troparion of the Church -- The Holy Great Sovereigns and Equals to the Apostles Constantine and Helen -- Fourth Mode

Having seen the image of Thy Cross in Heaven, and, like Paul, having received the call not from men, Thine apostle among kings entrusted the commonwealth to Thy hand, O Lord. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O only Friend of man.

KONTAKION

The Birth of the Theotokos -- Fourth Mode

Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, O immaculate one, by thy holy Nativity, which thy people, redeemed from the guilt of offenses, celebrate by crying to thee: The barren woman giveth birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

EPISTLE

I Corinthians 1:26-31; 2:1-5

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:29-34