

Aposticha - Tone 2

O John the Bap - tiz - er and preach - er of re - pent - ence,
thou didst sanc - ti - fy thē earth when thy head___ was___
cut___ off; for thou didst make plain to be - liev - ers the
law___ of God,___ a - bol - ish - ing dis - o - be - di - ence
to the___ law. Where - fore, since thou___
stand - est by the throne___ of Christ, the heav'n - ly
King, be - seech___ him to have
mer - - cy___ on___ our___ souls.

Stichos

The right - eous man shall flour - ish like a palm tree, and like a
ce - dar in Leb - a - non shall he___ be___ mul - ti - plied.

O most ho - ly John, thy head was cut off for the
law of the Lord; for in blame - less priv - i - lege
thou didst re - proach thē in - fi - del king when
he dis - o - beyed the law. Where-fore, do the hosts of
an - gels won - der at thee, and the ranks of A - pos - tles and Mar - tyrs
praise thee. And we, too, hon - or thy
year - ly me - mo - ri - al, O most no - ble
one, glo - ri - fy - ing the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty which hath
crowned thee, O bless - ed Fore - run - ner.

Stichos

The right - eous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.

Ver - i - ly, the Proph - et of Proph - ets, he___ who be - came
great - er than the Proph - ets, san - ti - fied from his moth - er's
womb for the serv - ice of the Lord, to - day had his___ head
cut - off by an ē - - - vil king. And the
maid - en who danced in - so - lent - ly, he re - buked
o - pen - ly, be - fore___ his be - head - ing and af - ter it, thus
sham - ing the pro - ces - sion of sin._____
Where - fore, we___ shout, O John___ the Bap - tiz - er,
hav - ing ac - quired fa - vor, be - seech___
cease - less - ly for___ our_____ souls.