O John the Baptist, preacher of repentance,

thou didst sanctify the earth when thy head was cut off; for thou didst make plain to believers the law of God, abolishing disobedience to the law. Wherefore, since thou standest by the throne of Christ, the heavenly King, be seech him to have mercy on our souls.

The righteous man shall flourish like a palm tree, and like a cedar in Lebanon shall he be multiplied.
O most holy John, thy head was cut off for the law of the Lord; for in blameless privilege thou didst reproach the infidel king when he disobeyed the law. Wherefore, do the hosts of angels wonder at thee, and the ranks of Apostles and Martyrs praise thee. And we, too, honor thy yearly memorial, O most noble one, glorifying the Holy Trinity which hath crowned thee, O blessed Foreunner.

The righteous man shall be glad in the Lord, and shall hope in Him.
Verily, the Prophet of Prophets, he who became greater than the Prophets, sanctified from his mother's womb for the service of the Lord, today had his head cut off by an evil king. And the maiden who danced insolently, he rebuked openly, before his beheading and after it, thus shamming the procession of sin.

Therefore, we shout, O John the Baptist, having acquired favor, beseech ceaselessly for our souls.