Leave-taking of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Exaposteilarion & Theotokion

1) The sense-less and in-iquitous King Her-od foul-ly
2) All na-ture hav-ing mind and speech is van-quished when it

cut off the all-di-vine and sac-red head
seek eth to sing thy praise, who gav est birth

of John, the Lord' Fore-run-ner; for he bare not its re-
to God, O all-pure Vir-gin; for thou art ver-i-ly

-proach es, O dread and mon-strous dar-ing! So let the
high-er than the whole of cre-a-tion. But since thou

hap-less wretch la-ment that he wrought law-less mur-der. But
nev-er dost re-ject an-y gift made ac-cord-ing un-
as for us, hon'ring now that hon-ored head with our
-to our strength, do thou now ac-cept al-so this my

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praises, in worthy hymns we all acclaim
small hymn, O Lady, as thy Son received

Christ Savior’s holy Baptist.

the widow’s mites aforetime.

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