August 29th

The Beheading of John the Baptist

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

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2) How Herod hardened his reckless heart! For having broken the Law, he that greatly dishonored God pleadeth in hypocrisy that he keepeth the oath he made; and while dissembling a mournful countenance, he addeth murder unto adultery.

O how unspeakable is Thy great compassion,

O our Master Christ! Whereby save our souls, since Thou alone art merciful.

3) O terror more than the mind can bear! That Angel dwelling on earth and the seal of the Prophets' choir is presented as the prize of a harlot's unseemly dance; set on before is that tongue which spake of God, to herald Christ to the dead in Hades' depths. How inexpressible is Thy providence toward all, O Master Christ! Whereby save our souls, since Thou alone art merciful.