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25 AUGUST 2024 - NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.- The Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy

(at the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 8 Troparion (Resurrection)

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 8 Kontakion (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, You raised the dead and resurrected Adam.
Eve exults in Your Resurrection,//
and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Tone 3 Parish Theotokian

Today the Virgin stands in the church, / and with hosts of Saints invisibly prays to God for us. / Angels worship with Hierarchs, / and Apostles rejoice with Prophets, / for the Birth-Giver of God prays for us/ to the Pre-eternal God.

Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)*

V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)

Epistle

(128) 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Ps. 94:1)

V. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! (Ps. 94:2)

Gospel

(59) Matthew 14:22-34

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Announcements

PRAY FOR UKRAINE! - The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Vally sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine.. **The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday; 27 August at 6:30 PM at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Ave. Northampton.** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

- **BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST** - This Thursday, 29 August, is the Feast of the Beheading of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner of our Lord, St. John the Baptist. **It is a day of STRICT FAST. No meat or dairy should be eaten on this day. Divine Liturgy will be held at our sister parish, Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Northampton at 9 AM.**
- **ART EXHIBIT AND SALE CONTINUES** - The Lehigh Valley Post of the Ukrainian American Veterans will sponsor an Art Exhibit and Sale of the works of Ukrainian Artist Jurij Hura at our church. Hura became a resident of Pennsylvania after fleeing persecution from communists in his native Ukraine. The proceeds of the sale will benefit the Vets project of buying generators for the 56th Brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces - the brigade of the Valeriy Shtyk, father of our altar server Yurii Shtyk, - Valeriy perished in Bakhmut last year defending Ukraine. The exhibit will run until the end of August. Please come out and support!
- UPCOMING MEETINGS: Please mark your calendars. There will be **SHORT** meetings after Divine Liturgy with Fr. Richard for the following groups.
09-08 - CHOIR
09-15 - READERS
09-22- ALTAR SERVERS
- **READER SCHEDULE:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
08-25.	Subdcn Alexis Clodfelter.	Robin Bodnar
09-01	Robin Bodnar	John Sokalsky
- **COFFEE SOCIAL: Today's coffee hour is hosted by: THE BROTHERHOOD.**
- **COFFEE SOCIAL SCHEDULE: 09-01 - Parish Board**
- **Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Ivan Levitsky, Fr. Bohdan Heleta,, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Mary Kennedy, Daniel**

Milinichek, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Mary Carol Bannon, Elsie Moroz, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.

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Schedule for this Week

SUNDAY - 25 August - NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - The Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy

1 Corinthians 3:9-17 Matthew 14:22-34

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Monday; 26 August - The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and their Companions

Hebrews 10:32-38 Matthew 21:18-22

Tuesday; 27 August - The Venerable Poemen the Great

1 Corinthians 15:29-38 Matthew 21:23-27

*6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - **Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Ave. Northampton**, (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)*

Wednesday; 28 August - The Venerable Moses the Black

1 Corinthians 16:4-12 Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday; 29 August- The Beheading of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist (STRICT FAST)

Acts 13:25-33 Mark 6:14-30

9 AM - Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish in Northampton.

Friday; 30 August - Our Holy Fathers among the Saints Alexander, John and Paul, Patriarchs of Constantinople

11 Corinthians 1:12-20. Matthew 22:23-33

Saturday; 31 August - The Deposition of the Honorable Sash of the Mother of God in Constantinople

1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2, 13-15

SUNDAY - 01 September - TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Ecclesiastical New Year (Indiction) - The Venerable Symeon the Stylite

1 Timothy 2:1-7. Luke 4:16-22

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY



The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John

Commemorated on [August 29](#)

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2024/08/29/102419-the-beheading-of-the-holy-glorious-prophet-forerunner-and-baptis> (Edited for our bulletin)

The Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist: The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ.



Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (ruler of one fourth of the Holy Land) and governor of Galilee. (After the death of king Herod the Great, the Romans divided the territory of Palestine into four parts, and put a governor in charge of each part. Herod Antipas received Galilee from the emperor Augustus). The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother

Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would

ask, up to half his kingdom. The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome.



According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: “Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip.” Salome took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother. The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet with a needle and buried his holy head in a unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the wicked deed had been done. After the murder of Saint John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12).

The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck. Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligula (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not even eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape, such as cabbage, on this day.