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Schedule for the Week of July 5 - 11, 2015

Sunday Jul 5	Heirom. Eusebius of Samosata
Monday Jul 6	Vigil for Nativity St. John Baptist Бдение на Рож. Крестителя Господня Иоанна 6:30 PM Vigil
Tuesday Jul 7	Nativity of St. John the Baptist / Рождество Предтеч. и Крестителя Господня Иоанна 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия
Saturday Jul 11	Vigil (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Sunday Jul 12	Saints Peter & Paul / Свв. Петра и Павла 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

Рождество Иоанна Предтечи

Св. Иоанн родился в семье священника Захарии и прав. Елисаветы. Супруги не имели долгое время детей, “ибо Елисавет была неплодна, и оба были уже в летах преклонных”, а это считалось у евреев знаком немилости Божией (Втор. 28,18). Господь внял молитвам благочестивых супругов. Во время служения в Иерусалимском храме Захарии явился Архангела Гавриил и возвестил, что по милости Божией родится у Елисаветы сын, “и наречешь ему имя: Иоанн... оч будет велик пред Господом; не будет путь вина и сикера, а Духа Сватога исполнится от чрева матери своей” (Лк. 1,13,15). Захария усомнился, что в таком возрасте возможно иметь детей, и был поражен за неверие немотой.

На восьмой день после рождения сына Елисавета дала ему имя Иоанн. Все были удивлены – никто в их роде не носил такого имени. Когда спросили об этом Захарию, он попросил дощечку и написал на ней: “Иоанн ему имя... И тотчас разрешились уста его и язык

его, и он стал говорить, благословляя Бога.” Исполнившись Святого Духа, Захария сказал пророчество о Мессии – Спасителе мира и об Иоанне – Его Предтече.

**Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet,
Forerunner and Baptist**



The Gospel (Luke. 1: 5) relates that the righteous parents of St John the Baptist, the Priest Zachariah and Elizabeth (September 5), lived in the ancient city of Hebron. They reached old age without having children, since Elizabeth was barren. Once, St Zachariah was serving in the Temple at Jerusalem and saw the Archangel Gabriel,

standing on the right side of the altar of incense. He predicted that St Zachariah would father a son, who would announce the Savior, the Messiah, awaited by the Old Testament Church. Zachariah was troubled, and fear fell upon him. He had doubts that in old age it was possible to have a son, and he asked for a sign. It was given to him, and it was also a chastisement for his unbelief. Zachariah was struck speechless until the time of the fulfillment of the archangel's words.

St Elizabeth came to be with child, and fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it secret for five months. Then her relative, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, “filled with the Holy Spirit,” was the first to greet the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. St John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Most Holy Virgin Mary and the Son of God incarnate within Her.

Soon St Elizabeth gave birth to a son, and all the relatives and acquaintances rejoiced together with her. On the eighth day, in accordance with the Law of Moses, he was circumcised and was called John. Everyone was amazed, since no one in the family had this name. When they asked St. Zachariah about this, he motioned for a tablet and wrote on it: “His name is John.” Immediately his tongue was loosed, and St Zachariah glorified God. He also prophesied about the

Coming into the world of the Messiah, and of his own son John, the Forerunner of the Lord (Luke. 1: 68-79).

After the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ and the worship of the shepherds and the Magi, wicked king Herod gave orders to kill all male infants. Hearing about this, St Elizabeth fled into the wilderness and hid in a cave. St Zachariah was at Jerusalem and was doing his priestly service in the Temple. Herod sent soldiers to him to find out the abode of the infant John and his mother. Zachariah answered that their whereabouts were unknown to him, and he was killed right there in the Temple. Righteous Elizabeth continued to live in the wilderness with her son and she died there. The child John, protected by an angel, dwelt in the wilderness until the time when he came preaching repentance, and was accounted worthy to baptize the Lord. (*from the Synaxarion*)

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**ARCHIMANDRITE JOHN ON HIS NAMESDAY
YESTERDAY, SATURDAY JULY 4, ST.**

JOHN OF SHANGHAI & SAN FRANCISCO

МНОГАЯ ЛЕТА!

To find the heart and enter it and there to remain with Jesus always—this is the most beautiful thing I can do. But I cannot do it on my own. Also, I need Jesus to help me want to seek Him with ALL my heart, so that I may indeed find Him. One thing is to discover and acknowledge true beauty, the beauty of ceaseless prayer in the heart—that it really exists—and another thing is to actually seek Jesus oneself and let nothing get in your way, even if circumstances seem to block you, and to keep doing this always. It is a gift from God of which I am not worthy, but in my soul I feel it is one which I cannot live without. I need this or else I am lost; my happiness comes only from this.

