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**Schedule for the Week of September 6 - 12, 2015**

<b>Sunday Sep 6</b>	<b>Hieromartyr Eutyches</b>
Thursday Sep 10	Vigil for Beheading of St. John Baptist 6:30 PM
<b>Friday Sep 11</b>	<b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist / Усекновение Пророка и крестителя Господня Иоанна 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия</b>
Saturday Sep 12	5:30 PM Vigil
<b>Sunday Sep 13</b>	<b>Deposition of the Sash of the Theotokos 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия</b>
<b>Monday Sep 14</b>	<b>Church New Year / Церковное Новолетие 9:00 AM Service</b>
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Upcoming Feastdays:	
Church New Year -	Sept 14
Nativity of the Theotokos -	Sept 21
Elevation of the Cross -	Sept 27

**Усекновение Главы Иоанна Предтечи**



О мученической кончине св. Иоанна Крестителя в 32 г. по Рождестве Христовом повествуют Евангелисты Матфей (*Мф. 14,1-12*) и Марк (*Мк 6,14-29*).

После Крещения Господа Иисуса Христа, Иоанна заключили в

темницу по приказу правителя Галилеи Ирода Антипы. Святой обличал его за незаконное сожительство с Иродиадой, женой Иродова брата Филиппа. Иродиада озлобилась за это на Иоанна и просила Ирода, чтобы он убил его. Но Ирод не соглашался, потому что считал Иоанна за великого пророка и боялся народа.

В день своего рождения Ирод устроил во дворце большой пир. Дочь Иродиады Саломия плясала перед гостями и угодила Ироду. Он сказал ей: "Проси у меня чего хочешь". Саломия вышла к матери за советом: "чего просить?" Та ответила: "голова Иоанна Крестителя". Ирод опечалился, услышав просьбу Саломии, но, не желая нарушить клятву, послал воина в темницу. Выполнив приказание царя, воин принес на блюде голову святого Иоанна.

**Foolish Promise**

The last great Holy Day for the liturgical year is the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. This major Holy Day is observed as a strict fast day by Orthodox Christians.

On this day we not only commemorate the beheading of St. John but we remind ourselves of what unlimited hate and lust can do to us.

When St. John the Baptist and his cousin, Jesus Christ, were 32 years old, on the day when King Herod Antipas was celebrating his birthday, there was much singing and dancing in the king's court. One of the dancers was King Herod's niece, Salome. Her dancing pleased him so greatly that King Herod promised her anything she wanted, even half of his kingdom. Salome's mother, Herodias, who was present, heard the promise and told her daughter to ask for the head of St. John the Baptist, which she did. Herod was dismayed because he respected St. John, but he had foolishly promised to Salome, in front of many guests, anything that she asked for, and he could not back out. The head of St. John was presented to her on a platter.

Why did Herodias want the head of St. John? Because St. John admonished her for living with Herod, who was her brother-in-law. Philip was her husband. St. John dared to tell her it was immoral.

The Church, in commemorating the beheading of St. John, who was really the bridge between the New and Old Testaments, reminds us that overindulgence in food, drink, and merriment can lead us to make foolish promises, and even lead to crime. Because of this, a strict fast is set for the day. Additionally, some pious customs among the people include not eating any food that resembles a head, such as cabbage or apples, and some have the custom of not using platters or flat dishes on this day. *(from The Orthodox Herald)*

### Глас Истины

Иоанн Предтеча – вешатель, пророк Триипостасного Бога, Триединого Божества. И миссия его этим была выполнена. Христос вступает в Свое служение, проповедует, творит чудеса и только начинает Свой путь к Голгофе, ко Кресту. Иоанн же Предтеча, к этому времени взятый под стражу и томящийся там за обличение незаконного царя Ирода, отнявшего у брата своего жены его, готовится к своему исходу, и дни его сочтены. Он и в смерти опять должен предварить Христа.

Почему не пожалел своей жизни Иоанн? Да потому что он – глас Божий, глас Истины. Потому что он «правды соблюл еси закон». Потому что ему должно было пресечь соблазн, развращающий тех, ради кого на землю пришел Сын Божий. Ревность по Богу снедала его и не давала молчать. И Бог потерпел незаконное убийство Своего пророка, как потерпел и смерть Сына, чтобы спасти мир. Иоанн Предтеча и по сей день проповедует нам, что первый шаг на пути нашей встречи с Господом есть покаяние и очищение от скверны греха. Будем же каяться и творить достойные плоды покаяния.

И другая особенность настоящего дня – это особое поминовение всех воинов, за веры и отечество живот свой положивших, всех на полях брани убиенных, как бы последователей мученического подвига святого пророка Иоанн, отдавшего жизнь свою всю без остатка за Слово Истины, за веру, за людей. *(Из слова на Усекновение гоавы Пророка, Предтечи и Крестителя Господня Иоанна – Иоан Крестьянкин)*

### Fear and Love

The Bible is not a book of sweet stories and happy endings. In many places the language is harsh: the descriptions are frightening; and the work of God is terrible. God is not only the God of love, He is also the

jealous God full of wrath. And the Bible doesn't pull any punches. It gives an honest, accurate picture of God. It shows up people for their true, depraved selves. And it clearly demonstrates God's response to sin.

Don't set out on a through-the-bible reading program unless you are prepared to read some shocking truths. God has a message for mankind, but it isn't all comfort and love. God wants us to understand the ugliness of our sin. He wants us to realize what kind of punishment we deserve. Knowing that makes Jesus' sacrifice for us even more meaningful.

No wonder in Psalm 119:120 the psalmist prayed: "My flesh trembles with fear of Thee and I am afraid of Thy judgments." This is the kind of awe and holy fear we should have. God deserves our love, and more. He deserves our admiration, our respect, and yes, our holy fear.

Most of us want a relationship with God, a God in which we bask in His love. Does a healthy fear of God seem to exclude that sense of being loved that we long for? No! The psalmist who wrote about fear also wrote in the same psalm 119 in verse 114: "Thou art my hiding place and my shield. I hope in Thy word." *(from the Orthodox Herald).*

### Placing of the Honorable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos

The honorable belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was entrusted by her to the Apostle Thomas, and then by right of succession transmitted by believers to one another. This festival was established in commemoration of a miracle by the belt held over the sick Greek Empress Zoë. In the tenth century the Empress Zoë, wife of Leo the Wise, suffering from continuous illness; she received healing by putting the honorable belt of the Mother of God on her. Then the belt was solemnly placed in a new shrine, and the real feast was established in memory of the miracle. The daughter of the Greek Emperor Romanus Argyrus (11th century), married the King of Georgia Bagrat, and brought a part of the holy belt with her, which now is in Mingrelia, in a small place called Zugdidi (otherwise Zugdichi), in a temple constructed by Emperor Alexander I. The other part of the belt was stored in the Mt. Athos Vatopedi monastery, in a cross donated by the Serbian Prince Lazarus in 1101.

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