

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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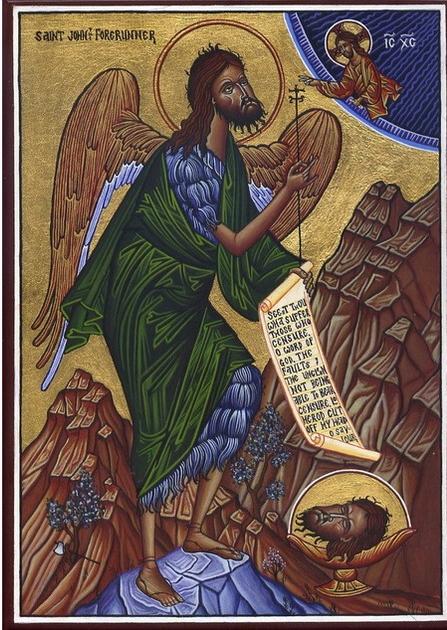
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Sunday August 28th 2016 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Tropar and Kondak Tone 1 – Blue Book pg. 81 Red Book pg. 95

Kondak, Tone 6

O unashamed intercessor of Christians, * ever loyal advocate before the Creator, * do not disregard the prayerful voice of sinners * but in your goodness* hasten to assist us who trustfully cry out to you: ** Intercede always, O Mother of God, in behalf of those who honor you!

- Sunday School today in the Church right after Liturgy.
- **Be the Bee** - If you're not familiar with the popular youth oriented Orthodox video series on *youtube*, please check it out here, https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbyQMR-_r8bJTrcWpWxSUPdJHdZJsq_zG - The videos are short, easy, and teach wonderful ways to apply our Orthodox Faith to our daily lives. **On Saturday November 5th**, somewhere in the Atlanta area a special Be the Bee retreat will be held. Please consider setting some time aside to participate, registration is available to anyone who is interested in participating! For more info please visit <http://bethebee.goarch.org/retreats>
- If you have any pictures of events at St. Elizabeth's over the years please bring them in for a picture board!
- Next Sunday's Coffee Hour is Potluck Sunday!
- Please take a visit to **Izzy's Kouzina!** Izzy's is Stephn Page's new restaurant and is located just a few miles away from our Church! Enjoy Stephen's delicious food and then let the world know by reviewing about your experience on google reviews! Izz's is located at 5943 Holly Springs Pkwy #202, Woodstock, GA 30188.

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

Monday 8/29 9AM– Divine Liturgy– Feast Day of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Saturday 9/3 4PM– Great Vespers

Sunday 9/4 10AM– Divine Liturgy

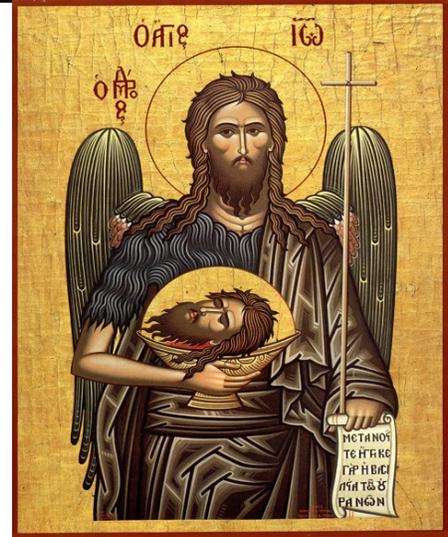
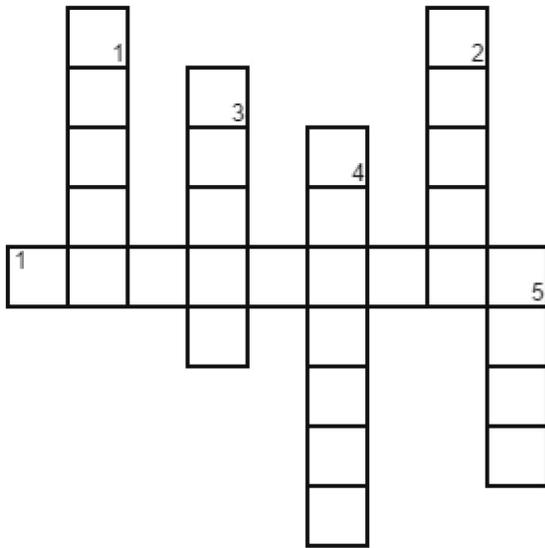
Today Sunday we will be celebrating Great Vespers following coffee hour for the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Next Sunday is the day before the feast of St. Elizabeth. We will be celebrating Great Vespers for our Patronal Feast after Liturgy and Coffee Hour! We will celebrate the Feast on Monday Morning and then again the following Sunday on 9/11.

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleinig, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Milesenko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family Bryan (Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert (Blessed Repose), Josph, Boris, Maria (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie (Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!



St. John the Baptist



The Church calls St. John a prophet because he foretold the coming of Christ. St. John is called an angel because he is a divine messenger of the Word of God. St. John is a martyr because he was beheaded for speaking the Word of God.

Across

1. St. John is called the forerunner because he _____ the coming of the Messiah.

Down

1. St. John the Baptist is the called the greatest man born of _____.
2. Out of respect for the brutal murder of St. John the Baptist, tomorrow we should not use a plate or this utensil.....
3. This king married his brother's wife, St. John the Baptist spoke out publicly against this act.
4. St. John is the most _____ of all the prophets.
5. St. John the Baptist announced the coming of the promised Messiah to both the living and the _____.

The divine Baptist, the Prophet born of a Prophet, the seal of all the Prophets and beginning of the Apostles, the mediator between the Old and New Covenants, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the God-sent Messenger of the incarnate Messiah, the forerunner of Christ's coming into the world (Isaiah 40:3; Mal. 3: 1); who by many miracles was both conceived and born; who was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb; who came forth like another Elias the Zealot, whose life in the wilderness and divine zeal for God's Law he imitated: this divine Prophet, after he had preached the baptism of repentance according to God's command; had taught men of low rank and high how they must order their lives; had admonished those whom he baptized and had filled them with the fear of God, teaching them that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he do not works worthy of repentance; had, through such preaching, prepared their hearts to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, after he had pointed out to the people the very Savior, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (Luke 3:2-18; John 1: 29-36), after all this, John sealed with his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of a transgressor.

This was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas (or Aretas), the King of Arabia (that is, Arabia Petraea, which had the famous Nabatean stone city of Petra as its capital. This is the Aretas mentioned by Saint Paul in II Cor. 11:32). Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his deceased brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6: 18). Thus Herod, besides his other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. Certainly, in the beginning, he himself had great reverence for this just and holy man. But finally, being pierced with the sting of a mad lust for the woman Herodias, he laid his defiled hands on the teacher of purity on the very day he was celebrating his birthday. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her -- with an oath more foolish than any foolishness -- that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger. Hence this transgressor of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that that all-venerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6: 21 - 29).