

✠ BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ✠

A star football player, drafted by a team in the NFL, faced a grave decision. He decided, after much prayer and thought, not to play professional football. His reason was that playing in the league would interfere with his keeping of Sunday as the Lord's Day!

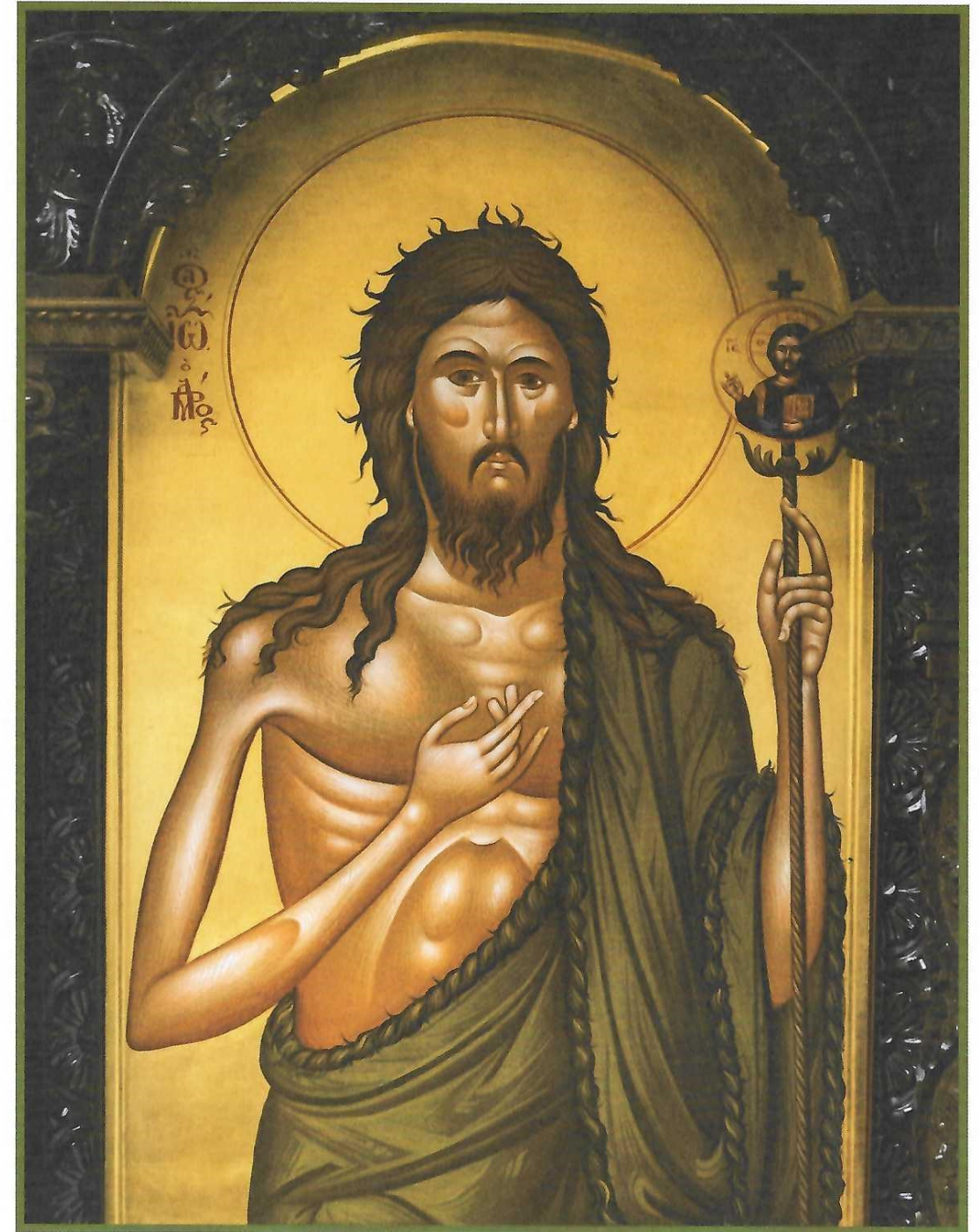
That is what is called having a standard in life, a value, which a person will uphold at all costs. This is what is so lacking as we look at people in all walks of life today. There has been compromise with God's standards and laws.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST had a high moral standard. When King Herod married his brother's wife, John went to him and protested, saying it was against God's law. The king's standards were different from John's. Though he listened to the Baptist's admonition carefully, the king didn't change. The woman involved, Herodias, also lacked standards. In fact, she was so angry that she wanted John killed.

An opportunity for just that came at a birthday party. The daughter of Herodias, Salome, danced for the crowd, and so delighted the king that he promised to give her whatever she asked. After consultation with her mother, Salome asked for the head of John. The King ordered the Baptist decapitated, and soldiers carried out this gruesome task.

And so each year the Church honors the man with high standards, who refused to compromise his deep-seated beliefs. He paid with his life, for what he believed. That man, "the greatest born of woman," was St. John the Baptist.

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ST. HARALAMBOS SUNDAY BULLETIN

August 29, 2021

BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Orthros 9:00 a.m.: Divine Liturgy immediately following the Orthros.

AUGUST SCHEDULE:

*SUN Aug 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist 9:00 a.m.
*Father Basil Shaheen

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

WED Sept 1	Ecclesiastical Year	9:00 a.m.
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
SUN Sept 5	11th Sunday of Matthew	9:00 a.m.
TUE Sept 7	Philoptochos Board Mtg.	5:30 p.m.
TUE Sept 7	Philoptochos Meeting	6:00 p.m.
WED Sept 8	Nativity of the Theotokos	9:00 a.m.
	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
SUN Sept 12	Sunday Before Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
TUE Sept 14	Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
SUN Sept 19	Sunday After Holy Cross	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School Begins	10:00 a.m.
TUE Sept 21	Silver Liners Meeting	12:00 p.m.
WED Sept 22	Jr. Choir Rehearsal	5:30 p.m.
	Sr. Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
SUN Sept 26	Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian	9:00 a.m.

Philoptochos News

Membership meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm, in the St. Haralambos Tri-Room.
The Board will meet at 5:30 pm.

*Please enter through the Courtyard Door from back parking lot.

We have not had a meeting since March 2020.... so let's get together and celebrate fellowship with our members. New members welcome too! Refreshments will be served.

Looking forward to seeing you there and remember:
TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS!

CHOIR NOTES:

Senior Choir Rehearsal Dates

Sept 1 6:30

Sept 8 6:30

First Liturgy:
Sunday Sept 12th
Please arrive by 9:45
and be ready to sing

Junior Choir (Ages 4-12)
Rehearsal Date
Wed Sept 8 5:30
We will sing at all Youth Sundays

Dr. Alex Christ
330-284-9606

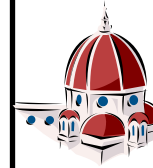


CHURCH ORGANIST NEEDED

We are currently in need of a church organist.

If you can play the piano or organ and are interested, please call
Dr. Alex Christ at 330-284-9606.

Welcome back to Sunday School!



Classes begin Sunday,
September 19, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Students and parents are also invited and encouraged to attend a light lunch, fellowship and Parent-Teacher Informational Meeting immediately following church services that day in the Tri-Room.
Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.
Thank you and God bless.



SAVE THE DATES!!! ST. HARALAMBOS FISH FRY

2nd. Friday of each month
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

September 10	January 14
October 8	February 11
November 12	March 11
December 10	April 8
	May 13

DAY TRIP, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Ohio Star Theatre, Sugarcreek with Amish Lunch and Fall Foliage Drive.

Cost: \$33.50 members, \$60.00 non-members
Includes bus, tips, lunch and show.

Check Payable to: SilverLiners
Check due by: September 26, 2021

For Reservations call:
Kathy Dieringer
330-265-3876
1498 New England Dr. SE



PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

Lord Jesus, thank you for the bright sunshine of a new day. As you made the sun to rise in the heavens, so come to shine in my life today. For You are the Light of the world. Guide me, direct me, lead me that I may do Your holy will and please You in all that I do this day. Bless my parents, teachers and all who care for me. Amen

O Master and God, Father almighty, Lord, and only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit, one divinity and power, have mercy on me a sinner, and save me, Your unworthy servant, in any way You know; for You are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen

O merciful God, we beseech You ever to remind us that the married state is holy, and that we must keep it so. Grant us Your Grace, that we may continue in faithfulness and love. Increase in us the spirit of mutual understanding and trust, that no quarrel or strife may come between us. Grant us Your blessings, that we may stand before the people in Your sight as an ideal family. And by Your mercy, account us worthy of everlasting life: for You are our sanctification, and unto You we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen



"For every good and perfect gift is from above."
James 1:17

August 29, 2021: Commemoration of the Beheading of the Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist; Righteous Theodora of Thessalonika (+879);
Righteous Theopiste; Joseph the sanctified.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Αὐτόμελον Ἦχος α΄
Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων
τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν
ζωήν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ
Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε
φιλόανθρωπε.

Τοῦ Προδρόμου. Τοῦ Μηναίου - Ἦχος β΄
Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου
Πρόδρομε· ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν
ρείθροις βαπτίσαι κατηξιώθης τὸν κηρυττόμενον. Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας
ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ τοῖς ἐν Ἄδῃ, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν
σαρκί, τὸν αἶροντα τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου, καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα
ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ
Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος, τῆς
οἰκουμένης σοφέ, ἐδείχθης **Χαράλαμπες**· ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ
μαρτυρίου. ἔλυσας καὶ εἰδώλων τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ
Χριστῷ. Πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος δ΄
Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὕα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ
θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει
καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ
στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν."

Resurrectional Apolytikion From Octoechos Mode pl. 1
The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of
soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day,
O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the
powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your
resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation,
only One who loves mankind.

For the Forerunner From Menaion -Mode 2
The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices
the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more
ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river
the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had
contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God
was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants
to us the great mercy.

Hymn of the Church
As a pillar unshaken of Christ's holy Church, and lamp ever-burning to all
the world you emerged, O wise **Haralambos**; in all the world you shined,
with the martyrdom you suffered, you dispelled the dark night, of the idols,
O blessed; whence, with courage do intercede, to Christ that we may be
saved.

Kontakion Mode 4
Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve
from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your
holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the
guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the
Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Epistle

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days, as John was finishing his course, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie." Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning him. Though they could charge him with nothing deserving death, yet they asked Pilate to have him killed. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus

Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

At that time, King Herod heard that Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; that is why these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod had sent and seized John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; because he had married her. For John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. When he heard him, he was much perplexed; and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias' daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will grant it." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." And she went out, and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the baptizer." And she came in immediately with haste to the king, and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry; but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard and gave orders to bring his head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.