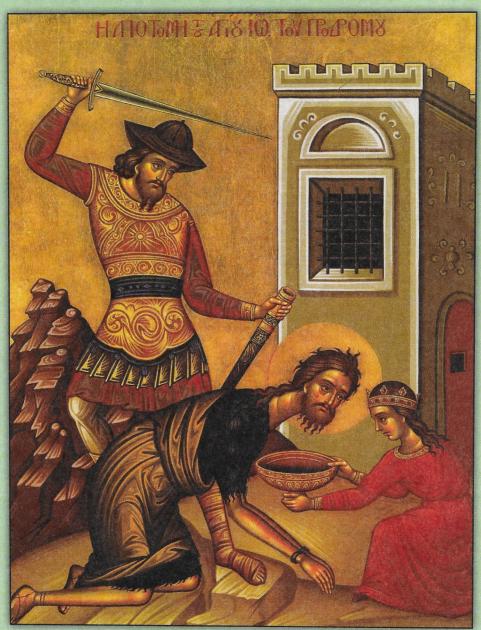
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BEHEADING OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN



Icon of the Beheading of John the Baptist

The Prophet and Forerunner

sinned in act or word or dress or food, when the gospel history praises the harshness of his clothing and the frugality of his meals; when everything he said either rendered testimony to the truth or refuted those who spoke against him; when even those who did not like him held in veneration his works of justice? What place could there have been in his inmost heart for sin, when the coming of the Holy Spirit consecrated him even before his birth, when not even in comparison with the ordinary way of human life could he be turned aside from

the path of virtue, who from his boyhood on

led an entirely solitary life?

Now although the principle stands

that "We all offend in many ways" (James

3:2), which of us dare to say that blessed John

And yet a man of this sort, one who

was so preeminent, reached the end of his earthly life by shedding his blood after a long period of affliction in chains. He who brought the good news of the freedom of heaven was thrust into chains by wicked people; he who "came to bear testimony to the light" (John

1:8), and who merited to be called "a burning and shining lamp" by the very light which is

Christ (John 5:35), was shut up in the darkness of prison; he who was greater than all those

born of women (Matt. 11:11; Luke 7:28) was punished by being beheaded at the request of

the basest of women; and he to whom it was

granted to baptize the world's Redeemer, to hear the Father's voice above him, and to see the grace of the Holy Spirit descending upon him, was baptized in his own blood.

Venerable Bede, Homily II.23

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Glory to jesus Christ! "Slava Isusu Khristu"!

August 28-29, 2021 Beheading of St. John

THIS WEEKEND we will Livestream the Holy Liturgy on Sunday, the 29th at 9 am. Please inform all your friends and relatives around the Country about this wonderful opportunity to sing and pray with us via the YOUTUBE network. Next weekend we plan to Livestream the Liturgy on Saturday, 4th at 6 pm.

IT APPEARS THAT we will once again that we will conduct our Sunday School on-line for the fall semester. Classes will begin, we expect, on Sunday, 11 am, September 26. All students, both new and continuing, will be able to register for school by following the directions on the Parish Website. Our School is free for all students and classes will be conducted for Pre-school through High-School, including First Solemn Communion, all on the Google Meet platform.

NO SCHEDULED RECEPTIONS will be held in our Parish Hall this September because of the Pamdemic. However, we still our able to serve the public by hosting the bi-weekly meeting of the local AA grouping, as well as both the promary and general elections. In addition, our hall is the official emergency site for the Bridgeport School.

BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS PANDEMIC we must insist that all the faithful wear a mask in church. Both common sense and our Christian Faith demand, as well as the respect we owe to each other and to Father Pastor.

ON SATURDAY we sang the burial Liturgy for Neonila Sawka, mother of Olha and grandmother of Natalia. We all pray that the Good Lord will now take +Neonila home to Paradise - VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

Jim Deskiewicz, Matt Martyniuk (Cemetery Caretaker), Irene Dychdala, Monica Aquilantti, Father's sister-in-law Noreen. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind thought...?

WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL to all the good folks who contribute to our dear parish here in Bridgeport, both in-person or by mail. This past week we heard from many families from Delray Beach FL all the way to Amherst, MA. May the Good Lord bless all of you with love, joy and great health!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 28, 6 pm Sunday, August 29, 9 am

Saturday, Sep. 4, 6 pm

Sunday, Sep. 5, 9 am

Marian, Deb, Madeline (Joann Colt) +Michael, Agnes, Wasyl, Anastasia (Fonock, Maruszczak Fam.) O Just One St. John, you received the praise

+Michael, Anna Chomiak (Son Russell)

+Anna (Wolodymyr, Tetyana)

of the LOrd Himself, and today we honor your

The just man will rejoice in the Lord, Amen.

ST. JOHN TROPAR:

memory. You were more honorable than the Prophets of old, because you were deemed worthy to baptize the Redeemer, Christ the Lord., amen. GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE ...

O St. John, on the banks of the Jordan River ST. JOHN KONTAK: you imposed your hands upon Jesus, whom the Prophets had foretold. You became the Prophet and Fore-Runner of the Word of God,, Jesus the Christ, amen.

ST. JOHN PROKIMEN: