The Beheading of
Saint John the Forerunner

August 29

Apolytikion

Second Mode

Intonation: #4

Allegro   \( \frac{1}{150} \)

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord’s testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since
thou wast granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Therefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.
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Kontakion

Intonation: #13

Plagal First Mode

Allegro \-150

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner was a certain divine dispensation, that the coming of the Saviour might also be preached to those in Hades. Let Herodias lament, then, that she de-
mand ed a wick ed mur der; for she loved

not the Law of God, nor e ter nal life, but one

false and fleet ing.