The Beheading of Saint John the Forerunner

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Apolytikion

Second Mode

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\[ \text{Intonation: #4} \]

\[ \text{Mνήμη δικαίου} \]

\[ \text{he mem-o-ry of the just is cel-e-brat-ed with} \]

\[ \text{hymns of praise, but the Lord's tes-ti-mo-ny is suf-fi-cient for thee, O For-} \]

\[ \text{ly even more ven-er-a-ble than the Proph-ets, since thou} \]

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wast grant-ed to bap-tize in the run-ning wa-ters Him Whom they pro-
claimed. Where-fore, hav-ing con-test-ed for the truth, thou didst re-
joice to an-nounce the good ti-dings e-ven to those in Ha-
des: that God hath ap-pear-ed in the flesh, tak-ing a-way the
sin of the world and grant-ing us great mer-
cy.
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Kontakion

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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 Her-
dias lament, then, that she demanded a wicked murder.
for she loved not the Law of God, nor eternal life,

but one false and fleeting.