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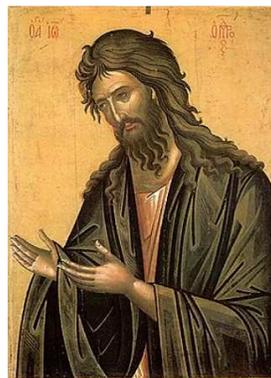
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### Schedule for the Week of July 6 - 12, 2014

<b>Sunday Jul 6</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> After Pentecost / Vladimir Icon of the Theotokos 6:00 PM Vigil for Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>Monday Jul 7</b>	<b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist / Рож. Крестителя Иоанна 9:00 AM Service</b>
<b>Friday Jul 11</b>	<b>Vigil for Sts. Peter &amp; Paul / Бдение на Свв. Петра и Павла 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Saturday Jul 12</b>	<b>Sts. Peter &amp; Paul / Свв Петра и Павла 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия 5:30 PM Vigil</b>
<b>Sunday Jul 13</b>	<b>Synaxis of the 12 Apostles Собор 12-ти Апостолов 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия</b>



... [T]he Holy Church glorifies the Forerunner and Baptist John as a man, who, having included in himself a line of holy prophets, foretold about the Savior of the world by the close image of preceding the manifestation of the Son of God in the flesh and who was worthy to baptize the Lord in the Jordan. The

Holy Church glorifies him, as «the angel, the apostle, the martyr, the prophet, the chandler, the friend of Christ, the seal of the prophets, the mediator of the old and new grace, and in birth most honorable, and the voice of the Word of light».

Related to the Lord through his mother, the son of the priest Zechariah and Elisabeth, the Forerunner of the Lord has anticipated birth of the Lord by six months. The Angel Gabriel foretold his birth to his father Zechariah in the temple. And here to the god-fearing couple, who up to advanced old age was deprived of the consolation of having children, is born the son of consolation, who was petitioned by their prayers, the foreteller of higher things, who was filled «with the All Holy Spirit while yet in the womb».

... Saved, by God's mercy from the death that overtook thousands of children in Bethlehem and its vicinity, St. John grew up in the wild and barren desert, preparing himself for great service by a strict way of life, by fasting, by prayers and the awesome reflection about the fate of the people of God. He remained as a desert dweller until that time when the Lord called him for the general preaching to the Judaic people. Obeying this calling, St. John, about 30 years old, appeared on the shores of the Jordan, as the enlightened «glory of the preexisting benefactor», «the greatest of all prophets» and «the truest preacher», who through his preaching prepared the people to accept the long awaited Savior, the Messiah. ...

As expressed in the church hymns, St. John was the morning light, "the star", which by its brightness surpassed the light of all the other stars and foretold the dawn of the thankful day, when Christ shines as the spiritual "Sun" (Mal. 4:2). He died as a martyr. As a preacher of penance, he strictly and fearlessly disclosed

Празднество Божией Матери в честь Ее иконы **Владимирской** совершается в благодарение за избавление Москвы от нашествия хана Ахмата, который в 1480 г. С громадными полчищами подошел к Московским владениям, остановившись на р. Угре.



**Тропарь:** Днесь светло красуется славнейший град Москва,/ яко зарю солнечную, восприемши, Владычице,/ чудотворную Твою икону,/ к нейже ныне мы притекающе и молящися Тебе, взываем сице:/ о пречудная Владычице Богородице!/ Молися из Тебе воплощенному Христу Богу нашему,/ да избавит град сей и вся грады и страны христианския/ невредимы от всех навет вражиих// и спасет души наша, яко Милосерд.

the vices of the people, and all honored and respected him as a prophet. The King Herod married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, who was still living. St. John «with conviction» accused the king "as the lawless one"; and for it he was put in prison and then beheaded by the sword at the request of Herodias. (*excerpted from S. V. Bulgakov, Handbook for Church Servers, 2nd Ed., 1274 pp. (Kharkov, 1900), pp. 19-20. Translated by Archpriest Eugene D. Tarris © 12.28.2001. All rights reserved.*)