

THE BEHEADING OF THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN

STICHERA AT "LORD, I HAVE CRIED"

Mode  Pa 

1ST STICHERON



s shame-less Her-od's__birth - day was be- ing cel - - e -
 -brat - - - ed the terms of the oath__to the wan - ton _____
 danc - ing _____ girl _____ were _____ ful - - filled; for the
 head _____ of the Fore-run - ner was struck _____ off and brought in
 _____ on _____ a _____ dish like a del - i - ca - - cy _____ for
 those at ta - - - ble. O hate - ful ban - - - quet, full
 of im - pi - ous _____ be - hav - - - ior and blood - - -
 thirst - - y mur - - - der! But _____ we, _____ as we fit - ting -
 -ly _____ hon - or _____ the _____ Bap - - - tist as great - est a - mong the off



 -spring of __ wom - en, call __ him bless- - - ed.



2ND STICHERON

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he __ danced, __ the dis - ci - ple of the __ all - - e -
 - - vil __ dev - - - il, and took your head, O Fore - - -
 run - ner, as her wag - - - es. O ban - quet __ filled
 with __ blood! __ If on - ly you had __ not __ sworn,
 law - - less __ Her - - - od, off - - spring __ of false -
 - hood. But if you had __ sworn, if __ on - ly __ you had
 not __ kept __ your __ oath; for it was bet - ter to have lied __ and
 at - tained __ life, __ than to speak __ tru - - - ly
 and to cut off the head __ of __ the Fore - run - - - ner.
 But __ we, __ as we fit - ting - ly hon - or __ the __ Bap - -
 - tist as great - est a - mong the off - spring of __ wom - en, call __

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him bless- - - ed.

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3RD STICHERON

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^Π You should not, O Her - od, have con-demned to death

the one ^Δ who de-nounced your a - dul -

ter - - y, the re - sult ^Π of sa - tan - ic ^Δ love

and the in - sane ^Δ pas - - - sion ^Π of lust ^Δ for

^K a wom - - - an. You should not have per - il -

- - ous - ly ^Δ hand - - ed ^Π o - - - ver ^Δ his all-

-hon - ored ^Δ head ^Δ to a law - less wom - - - an ^Π be - cause

of an oath ^K made ^Π for a dance. How

did you ^Δ dare ^Δ to ac - com - plish such a ^Δ mur - - der?

How was the wan - ton ^Δ danc - ing ^Π girl ^Δ not con -

-sumed ^Δ by ^Π fire ^Δ in the mid - dle ^Δ of the

ban - - - quet ^Δ as she brought this head ____ in ____ on ____
 a ____ dish? But ____ we, ____ as we fit - ting - ly hon ^Δ
 - or ____ the ____ Bap - - - tist ^Δ as great - est a - mong the off - spring of ^Π
 ____ wom - en, call ____ him bless - - - ed. ^Δ

4TH STICHERON

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nce a - gain He - ro - di - - as _ rag - es, once a - gain

she _ is _ de - ranged. O de - ceit - - - ful _

dance _ and rev - el - ry with _ de - - - ceit! _ The

Bap - tist _ was _ be - head - - - ed and _ Her -

-od _ was trou - - - bled. At the prayers _ of your Fore - - -

run - - - ner, Lord, grant peace _ to _ our _

souls.

at the prayers of _ your _ Fore - run - - - ner,