

Gospel reading: Matthew 11:2-15

Communion Hymns:

For the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Ps. 33:9; music on p. 43):
Taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for the Baptist (Ps. 32:1):

Re-joyce in the Lord you right - - - eous ones; praise from
the up-right is fit - ting. *Refrain:* Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Propers for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Tuesday in the Second Week of the Great Fast
February 24, 2026

The first and second findings of the head of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.
Tradition tells us that the first finding was by two monks, in the palace of Herod the King. They brought the relic to the city of Emmesia. The second finding was much later, during the reign of the emperor Marcianus.

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Antiphonal psalms for Tuesday, p. 12. Then the beginning of Psalm 140 is sung in Tone 4:

Psalm 140 Tone 4

O Lord, I have cried to you, hear me. Hear me, O Lord! O
Lord, I have cried to you, hear me; re - ceive the voice of my pray'r when I
call up - on you. Hear me, O Lord! Let my pray'r
as - cend to you like in - cense and the lift - ing up of my hands like an
eve-ning sac - ri - fice. Hear me, O Lord!

Followed by the recited verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms, pp. 19-21.

Cantor: *(on 4)* *Tone 1 samohlasen*

Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

Sticheron of Tuesday in the Second Week of the Great Fast - Tone 1 samohlasen

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O Christ, you stretched out your immaculate hands on the cross to bring to-ge-ther the ends of the earth. There-fore, I cry out to you: Bring u - nity to my scat-tered spi - rit, free my heart vexed by my pas - sions, and let me partake of your suf - fer - ings. By ab - sti - nence puri-fy me com - plete - ly.

Cantor: *(on 3)* *Tone 5 samohlasen*

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion, Is - ra - el in - deed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Baptist - Tone 5 samohlasen

(3)

Re - joice, O sacred and light-bear - ing head, ven - er - a - ted by the an - gels, Of old it was cut off by a sword, but cut down the shame of iniquity with

Prokeimenon II - Tone 7 (Psalm 28:11,1):

The Lord will give strength to his peo - ple; the Lord will bless, will bless his peo - ple with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord glory and honor.

Second Old Testament reading: Proverbs 5:1-15

After the Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian, there are readings in honor of the Baptist:

Prokeimenon of the Baptist - Tone 7 (Psalm 63:11,2)

The just man will re-joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord and will put his trust in him.

Verse: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to you.

Apostolic reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (EOT 95)

Alleluia of the Baptist - Tone 4 (Psalm 91:13, 84:12):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: The just man will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Verse: Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

forth from the Fa-ther time-less-ly, has himself come forth from you, O pure one.

He took flesh from you in a manner be - yond un - der - stand - ing: re - tain-ing

di-vine na - ture but assuming human na - ture for our sake; not di-vid-ed

in - to two per - sons but ex - ist - ing in two natures, distinct and un - con - fused.

O honored and most blessed one, be - seech him to have mer - cy on our souls.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light," on page 22.

Prokeimenon I - Tone 6 (Psalm 27:9,1):

Save your peo - ple, O Lord, and⁶ bless your in - her - i - tance,

and bless your in - her - i - tance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I cry out: My God, be not silent to me.

First Old Testament reading: Genesis 4:8-15

sharp re-proofs. It is a well-spring of miracles giving drink to the faith - ful.

It pro-claims the saving com-ing of the Sav-ior, and saw the coming of the

Spirit who dwelt in you who stand between the grace of the old and new

cov - e - nants. En-treat Christ God to grant our souls great mer - - - cy.

Cantor: *(on 2)*

(on 2) Praise the Lord, all you na - tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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The head of the Fore-run-ner which was once concealed in an earth-en ves - sel,

has ap - peared, clearly given up from the bos - om of the earth and pour-ing forth

streams of heal - ing, for in the wa - ters he washed the head of him that e - ven

now covers the chambers of the fir - ma - ment with wa - ters, and rains down divine

forgiveness upon the hu-man race. There-fore, let us bless it as tru-ly most glo-ri-ous,

and in its discovery let us keep a feast, en - treat - ing Christ to

grant our souls great mer - - - cy.

(on 1)
Cantor: *(on 1)*
Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for-ev - er.

①
The head which proclaimed the Lamb of God has appeared in the flesh. With di-vine

com - mands it declared the ways of sav - ing re - pent - ance to all. Of old it

de-nounced the sin of Her - od, and there - fore was cut off from its bod - y

and en-dured con-ceal-ment for a time. Now it shines forth upon us like a

ra-diant sun, cry - ing out: Repent and submit to Christ in compunc-tion of soul,

for he grants the world great mer - - - cy.

Tone 6

Cantor: Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Doxastikon of the Baptist - Tone 6 samohlasen

The di - vine - ly pre - served head, a treasury of di - vine gifts,

has shone forth from the bosom of the earth, O Fore - run - ner. Glo-ri-ous

proph-et, we receive it in faith and bow be - fore it, en - riched by you with most

glo-ri-ous mir - a - cles and the for-give-ness of our sins, O Bap - tist of Christ.

Cantor: Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - - - men.

Dogmatikon - in the same tone

Who would not extol you, most ho - ly Vir-gin? Who would not praise your giv - ing

birth with - out pain? For the on - ly - be - got - ten Son, who shines