

02/24 First and Second Findings
of the Head of John the Baptist
on “Lord, I have cried”
In the 5th tone

Rejoice, O *sacred* and **light**-bearing head, /
venerated *by* **angels**, / which of **old** *was* **severed** by a
sword / and didst cut **down** the shame of impurity
with **sharp** reproofs, / wellspring of miracles which
giveth drink unto *the* **faithful**, / and which
proclaimed the saving advent of *the* **Sa**_._.**vior** /
and of **old** perceived the coming *of* the **Spirit** / which
took up His **abode** in thee / who didst **stand**
between the grace of the Old *and* **New**_
Covenants. // Entreat Christ God to grant our **souls**
great **mer**_.**cy**!

The **head** *of* the **Forerunner**, / which once was
concealed in an earthen **vessel**, / hath **appeared**,
manifestly given up from *the* **bosom** of the earth /
and **pouring** forth *streams* of **healing**; / for in the
waters did he wash *the* **head** of Him / that even **now**

covereth the chambers of the firmament *with*
wa_._.**ters** / and raineth **down** *divine* remission
upon men. / Wherefore, let us bless it as truly *most*
glorious, / and in its **discovery** let us joyously *keep*
fes_.**tival**, // entreating Christ to grant our **souls**
great **mer**_.**cy**.

The **head** which *proclaimed* the **Lamb** of God /
who hath **appeared** in he flesh, / **which** with divine
commands hath **declared**_. **to all** / the **ways** of
saving **repentance**, / which of old denounced the
transgression of **Herod** / and was **therefore** severed
from *its* **bo**_.**dy** / and **endured** concealment for a
time, / hath shone forth upon us like *a* **radiant** sun, /
crying **out**: **Repent**_. **ye**, / and in **compunction**
of soul *now* **submit** to Christ // who granteth the
world great **mer**_.**cy**!

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Troparion in the 4th tone

The head of the Forerunner, which hath shone
forth from the earth, / doth shed rays of incorruption
and healing upon the **faithful**. / On high it
assembleth a multitude of **an_gels**, / and below it
calleth upon the **human race** // with one voice to send
up glory to **Christ_ God**.

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*“Glory” on “Lord, I have cried”
in the 6th tone*

Thy divinely **preserved** head, / a treasury of
divine gifts, O **Fore**-run-ner, / hath shone forth from
the **bosom** of the earth; / and we, faithfully receiving
and bowing down before it, O **glorious** one, / are
enriched by thee with most glorious **miracles** / and
the forgiveness of our **offen**_._._.ses, // O **Bap**_tist
of Christ!

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*“Glory” on the Aposticha
in the 2nd tone*

Like a most **pre_**cious shrine of *divine_*
thoughts_ / thy head, O **all**-praised John, / hath
shone forth today from the sacred **places** of the
earth, / as from thy **mother's** womb, / **clearly**
foreseeing the mystery of the ineffable **Being**; / and it
hath rendered the whole earth **fra_**grant, / *emitting*
the myrrh of sanctification, / noetically preaching the
way of **repen_**tance // and entreating the Savior of all
in *behalf* of our souls_._._.

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Megalynarion

We_ **magnify**, / we_ **magnify**_ thee / O
Forerunner and Baptist of *the*_ **Lord**, John / and_
we all **ho**_._._._._.nor / the_ **finding of thy**_
precious head.

Blessed is the man that **feareth** the Lord.

We_ **magnify**....

Glory to the Father & to the Son & to the Holy
Spirit, both now and ever and unto the ages of **ages**.
Amen.

We_ **magnify**....

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to **Thee**, O God. (2x)

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Prokeimenon in the 4th tone

There will *I* **make** to spring forth a lamp for
David, // I have *prepared*_ a **lamp** for_ my Christ.

stichos: Remember, O Lord, David and all his
meekness.

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After Psalm 50 in the 6th tone:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy **Spirit**. / Through the prayers of the **Fore**runner, / O **Mer**_ciful One, // blot out the multitude of our *transgres*_._._.sions.

Both now, and ever, and unto the ages of **ages**. Amen. / Through the prayers of the The**to**_kos, / O **Mer**_ciful One, // blot out the multitude of our *transgres*_._._.sions.

Have mercy on **me**, O God, / according to The great **mer**_cy, / and according to the multitude of Thy **compas**_._._.sions, // blot out my *transgres*_._._.sion.

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The precious head of the **B**aptist of Christ, /
which of old preached repentance to all the **f**aith_ful,
/ denounced the impurity of the iniquitous Herod,
and lay upon a **char**_._.ger, / hath appeared out of
the hidden **p**laces of the earth / and lieth before those
who have recourse unto **i**t with faith, / who touch it
with fear and bow down before it with **s**pi-ri-tu-al
love. / Granting remission of trans**g**ression, / with
forgiveness it bestoweth that which is **n**eed_ful \ //
and **g**reat_ mer_cy.