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On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom.

The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome.

According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: "Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip." Salome took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother. The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet with a needle and buried his holy head in a unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod's steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated (February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the Wicked deed had been done.

After the murder of Saint John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12).

The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck.

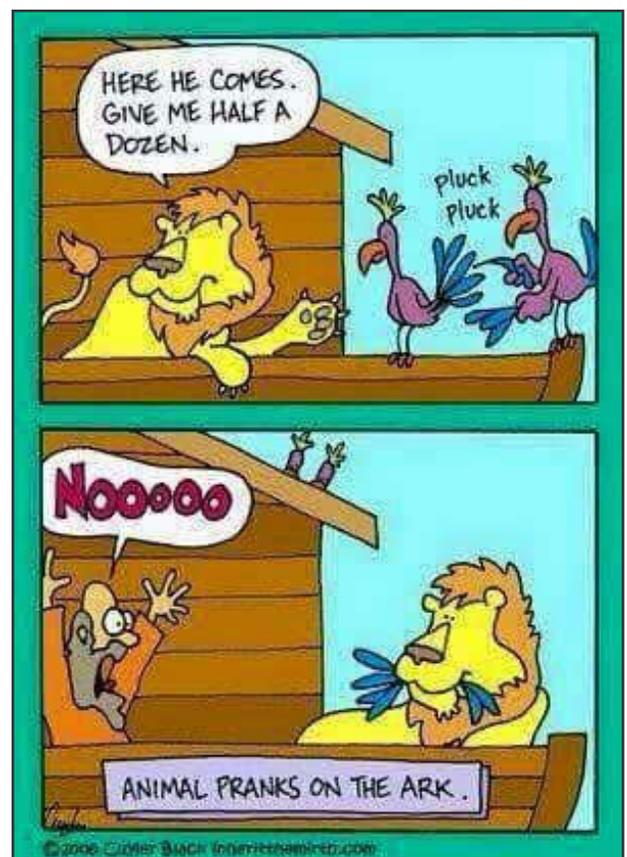
Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligua (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

Today the Church makes remembrance of Orthodox soldiers killed on the field of battle, as established in 1769 at the time of Russia's war with the Turks and the Poles.

Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."



61st Annual Halupki Festival

DINNERS

Served from 11:30am-2:00pm (Cost \$15)
Our Famous Halupki & Ham dinners include:
2 halupki (for description see a la carte menu below),
ham, green beans, pasta salad, roll, butter, & coffee.

Carpatho-Russian A La Carte Menu:

Available from 2:30-6:00pm, the following foods represent our parish's Carpatho-Russian (Rusyn) heritage:

Halupki (hah-loop-key): \$5 or 2 for \$9.
Americanised form of Rusyn holubki. Known as golabky in Polish and golubtsi in Russian. Also, known as cabbage rolls, stuffed cabbage, "pigs-in-the-blanket."

Haluski (ha-loosh-key): \$5.
Cabbage & noodles with onions & butter.

Perohi (pee-roh-hee): \$1 each or 6 for \$5
Rusyn word for pierogies; pasta pockets filled with pot& cheese, served with onions & butter.

Pagach (Pah-gahch): \$3 per slice.
Rusyn potato pie, filled with potato & cheese & onions. Often referred to as "Slavic pizza"

Kolbasi (kohl-bah-see): \$6
Rusyn smoked sausage served with kraut.

Bratwurst (braht-vurst): \$6
Fresh sausage. Not a Rusyn dish but a favorite of the German inhabitants of the Carpathian Mountains.

Hot Dogs: \$2.
Viennese sausage-in-a -bun, an American favorite.



BAKERY

The bake sale begins @ 11:30am in the Heritage Tent.
Here is a sampling of what's available:

Kolach Rolls (koh-lahch): \$12 for loaf & \$6 for half loaf. Nut or poppy seed-filled rolls.

Kolachi Pastry (koh-lah-chee): 4 pack for \$6. Pastries filled with apricot, nut, plum, pineapple or raspberry.

Baklava (bahk-lah-vah): \$2. Sweet Greek pastry.

Nut Horns: ½ pound for \$7

Giant Cookies: \$3 each or 2 for \$5

BEVERAGES

Opening at Noon, the bar offers soft drinks, bottled water & beer. Coffee is available at the food serving line.

CHURCH TOURS / ENTERTAINMENT

1:30 pm & 3:30 pm - Fr. Andrew will lead tours of our historic church

Noon - Live polka music for listening & dancing begins.

12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

The Wayne Golob Band of Sandusky
(Wayne is a parishioner)

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

The Frank Moravcik Band of Cleveland

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

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4:30 pm to closing

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CRAFT FEST

Visit the 30 plus craft vendors selling mostly handmade items: jewellery, glassware, prints, honey, metal yard art, candles, soaps, handbags, pottery, & more.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

A bounce house and other activities are available for children's entertainment.

RAFFLES

Raffles will take place throughout the afternoon. Grand prize winner will be drawn near the close of festival. (Winner need not be present.)

RELIGIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE

Heritage Tent: visit our bookstore with its display of religious items and books and free information about Orthodox Christianity.

RUSYN PYSANKY (Pih-sahn-key)

1:00 pm & 3:00 pm - Helen Jean Cooley will demonstrate the art of Rusyn Easter Egg decorating



AND A LOT MORE.....