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Discovery of the Head of St. John the Baptizer

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

St. John the Forerunner of our Lord was beheaded by King Herod at the instigation of his wife, Herodias. Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's steward (*Luke 8:3*), recovered John's head and buried it with honor. The relic was passed through private hands until it came to rest, by Divine Providence, in the care of Bishop Ouranios of Cappadocia. In the ninth century it was translated to Constantinople. The finding and veneration of this precious relic is testimony to the importance to Christians of St. John, looked upon as the father of ascetics and foremost of the witnesses to Christ.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Christ ate and feasted with tax-collectors and sinners, and this fact scandalized many. In response, He told stories of a man finding his lost sheep, a woman finding her lost coin—and a father finding his lost son. This final parable (all are found in St. Luke's Gospel) is particularly rich in detail, and it revolves ultimately around the conflict between the father's two sons. The Church focuses not on that conflict, nor on how the elder son should have rejoiced and feasted with his formerly lost brother, but on the love of the father.

The younger son was reckless and foolish. Leaving the love of the father's house, he wandered far from home and embraced a life of wantonness and sin. This choice led to its inevitable conclusion and left the boy desperate, destitute, and starving. To fend off starvation he was forced to take a job as a swineherd (the final indignity for a Jew), and even so he went to bed hungry each night. Then he came to his senses and decided to return home and humble himself before his father, not asking to be restored but simply asking for any job. With hunger burning in his stomach, he started the long way home.

While he was yet far off, the father spied him, for he was anxiously looking for any sign of his son's return. The father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and fell on his neck with joy. He did not even let him finish his rehearsed speech asking for a job, but insisted that the boy be restored, with festal robes, a ring, shoes, and a tremendous party, killing the calf that was fattening for just such an occasion. The boy, long feared dead, was alive and safe in the house of the father.

The Church offers us this story as we begin our Lenten repentance, for we also have scattered the riches the Father gave to us and need to return home to Him in repentance. The example of the prodigal son reveals what is awaiting us there: a loving embrace, restoration, and festal joy.