

came out from the caverns of the earth as from a mo - ther's womb.

It per - fumes the whole earth with the myrrh of ho - li - ness,

as you preach the way of re - pen - - tence,

in - ter - ce - ding for our souls be - fore the Sa - vior of all.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 2, page 34*

*Troparia: Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 1, page 34, then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

Like a heav - en - ly treas - ure hid - den in a field, Christ has re - vealed your head

for us, O proph - et. Hav - ing gath - ered together at its dis - cov - er - y,

we sing hymns to the Sav - ior who de - liv - ers us by your pray'rs.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Now and ever...

*Festal theotokion, Tone 4., page 68*

**Vesper Propers, May 25, 2008**  
**Third finding of the head of Saint John the Baptist**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005*

*Tone of the Week: Tone 1 (begins on page 24) stichera 10-4*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of the Finding - Tone 8 podoben: O preslavnaho čudesé**

O ho - ly John, bles - sed Fore - run - ner, when your head was found on earth,

it shone more bright - ly than the sun, gi - ving light to all be - liev - ers.

Pos - ses - sing it as a di - vine treas - ure, We are en - riched with grace and sanctified

in body, soul and spi - rit as we ce - le - brate this feast, we all call you bles - sed.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord all you nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples.

Your head, O bles - sed Fore - run - ner, that un - ceas - ing source of grace,

was re - vealed to - the ho - ly hier - arch who had ne - ver known where it lay hid - den.

In faith he has-tened and found it. Dis-cov-ered and presented for ve-ne-ra - tion,  
 it brought sanc-ti-fi-ca - tion to the Chris-tian peo - ple, and their ru-lers,  
 the staunch de - fen - ders of the orth - o - dox - faith

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
*(on 1)* he is faithful forever.

O won-drous Fore-run-ner of our God, we ce-le-brate the-third find-ing of your head  
 which had been sev - - ered be-cause of your zeal for our God.  
 The Ho-ly Tri-ni-ty has crowned - it. The choir of an-gels exult at its dis-cov-er - y,  
 to - ge-ther with the as-sem - bles - of pro-phets, - a-pos-tles and mar - tyrs.  
 As you stand in their midst, be ev - er mind - ful of all of us.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 6)* Glory...

O - Forerun-ner, your head (di-vine-ly pre-served), has risen from the bo-som of the earth  
 as a trea - su - ry of the gra - ces of God. Ha - ving re - ceived  
 it, we bow down in re - ver - ence, O glo - ri - ous pro - phet of Christ.  
 Through you, we have been gi - ven won - drous mi - ra - cles  
 and have ob - tained the re - mis - sion of our sins.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 1)* Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in Tone 1, page 30*

*Aposticha, Tone 1, Page 33*

**Cantor:** *(Tone 2)* Glory...

O il - lus - tri - ous John the ve - ner - a - ble reliquary of di-vine thoughts  
 your head, which had clear-ly fore-seen the mys-tery of the-In - ef - fa - ble One