Recovery of the Relics of John Chrysostom

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

January 27th

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

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1) Seeing the bright and light-giving lamp,

which had been cast down by its foes and was hid beneath

the bushel of silence, now on the sacred lampstand again,

all the Church of Christ doth keep a feast of joy.

The ends of the earth, O John, honor thee as a godly torch

set on the mountain of the virtues for all to see,

flashing far more bright than the sun with thy miracles.

God's judgment, which cannot be bribed, reveals thy righteousness.

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upon this day from the heights like a dazzling
noon-tide more bright than light, O most righteous Father,
granting peace and His Great Mercy to those upon the earth.

2) Like a delightful vessel of myrrh,
thy reliquary, O wise Chrysostom, pour-eth forth
divine floods of awesome wonders and streams of cures in the world,
making sweet the souls of those who honor thee.

Made rich with the gifts of Christ as with spices not of this earth,
thou freely givest ever-living sweet fragrancy
unto them that flee unto thee with undoubting faith.

Therefore, while now enjoying thy great graces, O Father John,
as we delight in thy relics, which are divine and immaculate, with faith we implore thee

that forgiveness and Great Mercy be granted to our souls.

3) He that provideth wheat for the world

and with the heavenly delight of the Spirit's joy
doth nourish the hearts of all men, doth not from Egypt come forth,

but this, our new Joseph, hath been brought again
from distant Comana now through his hallowed and blest remains,

dividing both the sea of adversities and the surging storms of our sufferings, O men of faith.

Let us then call him blessed, and with faith, let us cry to him:

Come and be present among them that keep thy holy memorial, and grant them salvation and Great-Mercy and true peace in abundance from on high.