September 26th
Repose of St. John the Evangelist & Theologian
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

**Byzantine Chant Tone 4**

Special melody: *Thou who wast called from on high*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) The Most High's Son thou divinely hast expounded

as the Father's co- eternal, consubstantial Word,

and the identical Light of Light, the Express Image

of the Begetter's Hypostasis in truth,

Who shone forth from him without passion and timelessly,

the Sovereign Lord and Artificer of all the ages.

Thus, O beloved, didst thou preach Him to the world,

Who out of darkness bringeth forth the light,

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Christ our God, the Enlightener of all mankind.

Do thou therefore entreat Him to enlighten and to save our souls.

2) Upon receiving the Comforter's divine light,

thou wast all enlightened and didst speak of Him as God:

that from the Father He doth proceed, while manifested through God the Son to the race of man in time,

being one in essence, one in honor, one in throne with the beginningless Father and with the Divine Word.
This, O beloved, hast thou preached unto all.

Therefore, we honor thee with sacred hymns,

O foundation divine of our holy Faith, which do thou keep unshaken by thine intercessions with the Lord.

3) Thou didst ascend to theology most lofty and didst learn ineffable mysteries concerning God,

that the Divinity doth possess a single essence, one glory, one kingdom, and one sovereignty;
that He is distinguished in His Three Hypostases,

though undivided in essence and wholly united

in a divine and unmingled unity.

O Theologian, thus didst thou believe,

preaching one indivisible Trinity.

Do thou therefore entreat Him

to enlighten and to save our souls.