

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*

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1) The Most High's Son thou di - vine - ly hast ex - pound - ed

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as the Fa - ther's co - e - ter - nal, con - sub - stan - tial Word,

D

and thē i - den - ti - cal Light of Light, thē Ex - press Im - age

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of the Be - get - ter's Hy - pos - ta - sis in truth,

E

Who shone forth from him with - out pas - sion and time - less - ly,

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the Sov - reign Lord and Ar - tif - i - cer of all thē ag - es.

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Thus, O be - lov'd, didst thou preach Him to the world,

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Who out of dark - ness bring - eth forth the light,

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Christ our God, the En - light - 'ner of all man - kind.

Do thou there - fore en - treat _____ Him

to en - light - en and to save our souls.

2) Up - on re - ceiv - ing the Com - fort - er's di - vine _____ light,

thou wast all en - light - ened and didst speak of Him as God:

that from the Fa - ther He doth pro - ceed, while man - i - fest - ed

through God the Son _____ to the race of man in time,

be - ing one in es - sence, one in hon - or, one in throne

with the be - gin - ning - less Fa - ther and with the Di - vine Word.

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This, O be - lov - ed, hast thou preached un - to all.

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Where - fore, we hon - or thee with sa - cred hymns,

O foun - da - tion di - vine of our ho - ly Faith,

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which do thou keep un - shak - en

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by thine in - ter - ces - sions with the Lord.

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3) Thou didst as - cend to the - ol - o - gy most loft - y

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and didst learn in - ef - fa - ble mys - tries con - cern - ing God,

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that the Di - vin - i - ty doth pos - sess a sin - gle es - sence,

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one glo - ry, one king - dom, and one sov - 'reign - ty;

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that He is dis - tin - guished in His Three Hy - pos - ta - ses,

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though un - di - vid - ed in es - sence and whol - ly ū - nit - ed

D

E

in a di - vine _____ and un - min - gled ū - ni - ty.

D

O The - o - lo - - gian, thus didst thou be - lieve,

E

preach - ing one in - di - vis - i - ble Trin - i - ty.

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Do thou there - fore en - treat _____ Him

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to en - light - en and to save our souls.