Our Righteous and God-bearing Father John,
Archpriest of Kronstadt and Wonderworker

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: \textit{O strange wonder}

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih from various sources

1) Rejoice, reconciler of men with God, deep springing fountain of love, uncontainable

flood of grace; rejoice, unlying oracle of the judgment and will of God; pure vessel

chosen from childhood by the Lord;

thou soul as honest and open as the sky;

rejoice Israelite indeed, in whose mouth no word of guile was ever found; therefore, all thy prayers were

heard, O ever-blessed John.

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2) When thou didst stretch out thy hands to pray, they covered all of the world, swiftly reaching the throne of God, bringing mercy down on earth, healing sickness and suffering, here pulling rain clouds to water withered ground, there ending anthrax, and cholera, and plague.

For thy most daring prayer was empowered by thine ardent faith and love, uttermost humility, and childlike innocence.

3) Re-joice, thou new be-lov'd dis-ci-ple John; for in that
dread up- per room, thou didst lean dai-ly
on the breast of God's Wis-dom, Who con-ferred
un-der-stand-ing of mys-ter-ies and raised thee
up as a great and blaz-ing lamp
to shine on Rus-sia and all the Church of Christ;
and if the tale be told of the might-y won-ders
thou didst work each day, could the world it-self con-
tain the books a-bout them all?