November 13th
Our Father Among the Saints John Chrysostom
Archiepope of Constantinople
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice

1) Rejoice gold-bright, divinely inspired,

and tuneful instrument delighting the Church of Christ,

O tongue making known the sundry ways of repentance for us in a gracious manner full of love for man;

rejoice, mind of golden form, fairest swallow of golden voice;

O psalmic dove that hast thy pinions of sparkling gold,

bliterring like gold with the virtues' clear radiance;

rejoice, fairest river bright as gold, whence issue most might-y floods,

O mouth of God and assurance and pledge of God's certain love for man. Implore Christ, O Father,

to send down abundant peace and Great Mercy on our souls.

Verse: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

2) Re joice, most speed y help of the wronged, father of or phans and pro vid er of need y folk;

up right ing of fallen sin ners, food of the hun gered and poor; most re vered and skil ful he al er of men's souls;

ex act ness and faith ful rule of ex alt ed the ol ogy,

elu ci da tion that dis tinct ly doth clar i fy all the Ho ly Writ of the Spir it, O Chry sos tom;

law of God pleas ing dil i gence and stand ard of rec ti tude,

O con tem pla tion and ac tion, the height of wis dom and end there of. Im plore Christ, O Fa ther,

to send down a bun dant peace and Great Mer cy on our souls.
Verse: The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom; and the lips of righteous men know graces.

3) Thou didst build up thyself as a house devoted to the sacred virtues; and for this cause, the virtues took up their dwelling in thee, O all-blessed John, as though in a temple holy and most pure.

For wisely directing all of thy bodily senses, thou didst keep thy mind pure of the passions as if it were in a treasure-house bolted fast and impregnable.

Wherefore, since thou becamest wholly Godlike, O Chrysostom, adorned with grace as a hierarch, thou didst preside o'er the holy Church, with fervor entreating Christ our Savior, Who bestoweth Great Mercy on the world.