December 4th
Our Righteous Father John of Damascus
Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers
(May also be sung as the Stichera at the Praises)

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

1) Most wise and all-laughed Father John, unto the

Church of Christ God thou hast given exceeding joy with thy songs, which thou didst sing

being wholly inspired of God, as with the

Spirit's co-working thou didst strike

thine all-harmonious harp to imitate

David the Prophet-King; and, O Father, thou in

making it resound didst enchant all men with

thy divine and sacred songs.

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Verse: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord.

2) All the troubled tumult of the world didst thou completely forsake, O most glorious Father John, and thou rankest to the calm serenity of Christ God; and made to shine with a godly way of life, thou, O all-blessed, wast verily made rich with the all-blessed rays of divine vision and of activity, which thou didst impart to faithful men, O righteous one.
Verse: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saint.

3) Come now, all ye that are born of earth, with songs and hymns on this day, let us piously sing the praise of the sacred and august festal day of the righteous John; for he was truly deemed worthy to receive the inward light of divine enlightenment.

O Thine unspeakable tender mercies, Lord, whereby we all have learnt to give glory unto Thee, Who art transcendently good.