

**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*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih  
 from various sources

1) Most wise and all-laud-ed Fa-ther John, un-to the  
 Church of Christ God thou hast giv-en ex-  
 -ceed-ing joy with thy songs, which thou didst sing  
 be-ing whol-ly in-spired of God, as with the  
 Spir-it's co-work-ing thou didst strike  
 thine all-har-mo-ni-ous harp to im-i-tate  
 Da-vid the Proph-et-King; and, O Fa-ther, thou in  
 mak-ing it re-sound didst en-chant all men with  
 thy di-vine and sa-cred songs.

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Verse: Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord.

2) All the trou - bled tu - mult of the world didst thou com -  
 - plete - ly for - sake, O most glo - ri - ous  
 Fa - ther John, and thou ran - nest to the calm  
 and se - ren - i - ty of Christ God; and made to  
 shine with a god - ly way of life,  
 thou, O all - bless - ed, wast ver - i - ly made rich  
 with th all - bless - ed rays of di - vine vi - sion and  
 of ac - tiv - i - ty, which thou didst im - part to  
 faith - ful men, O right - eous one.

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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 pi - ous - ly  
sing the praise of the sa - cred and au - gust  
fes - tal day of the right - eous John; for he was  
tru - ly deemed wor - thy to re - ceive  
th in - ward light of di - vine en - light - en - ment.  
O Thine un - speak - a - ble ten - der mer - cies, Lord, where -  
- by we all have learnt to give glo - ry un - to  
Thee, Who art tran - scen - dent - ly good.