

September 26th

# Rest of St. John the Evangelist & Theologian

## Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 8  
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

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from various sources



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1) See - ing the ex - cess of fer - vent love which thou didst

have for thy Christ, O all - wise and most

G↓ C G↓

bless - ed John, thou wast loved more great - ly than

C

all thy fel - low dis - ci - ples were by God the

G↓

Word, Who be - hold - eth all that is

C

and with a just meas - ure judg - eth all the earth.

For thou didst bright - ly shine both in mind and bod - y

Un. G↓

with the beau - ty of pu - ri - ty and chas - ti -

C

- ty, O thou most blest of God.

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2) When thou didst re - cline up - on the breast of Wis - dom,  
 thou drew - est forth the clear streams of thē -  
 - ol - o - gy and didst wa - ter all the world,  
 John, un - e - qualled in ex - cel - lence; and with the  
 knowl - edge of God the Trin - i - ty,  
 thou didst dry up the whole sea of god - less - ness,  
 since thou wast ver - i - ly as a liv - ing cloud and  
 pil - lar guid - ing all, show - ing us the way to  
 the ce - les - tial her - i - tage.

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3) Come, let us ex - tol and mag - ni - fy with hymns and  
spir - i - tual songs that fair bloom of vir -  
- gin - i - ty, wis - dom's tune - ful in - stru - ment  
and the Spir - it's most sa - cred shrine; the hal - lowed  
vir - tues' well - pleas - ing dwell - ing place;  
the bright and ven - 'ra - ble eye of all the Church;  
that cho - sen mouth of grace which hath brought the light to  
us; come let us laud John as the true ser - vant  
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

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4) O son of Thun - der, as thou didst preach the Gos - pel  
 tid - ings to men, thou didst shine joy up -  
 - on the world, glad - ness that no tongue can tell,  
 and the Well - spring of all good things; life ev - er -  
 - last - ing, the King - dom nev - er moved;  
 the pure de - light of the vi - sion of our God;  
 and rich - ly giv - en gifts of the grace of Christ, which  
 tru - ly pass the mind and the thought of mor - tals,  
 O in - spired E - van - gel - ist.