November 12th
John the Almsgiver, Patriarch of Alexandria
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 5
Special Melody: Rejoice
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Rejoice, thou shining light of the Church,
2) Rejoice, giver most rich to the poor,
3) Rejoice, thou trusty guide of the blind,

thou universally admired boast of all the world,
well-spring of mercy, overflowing of sympathy;
and wise instructor of the young, O our Father John,

foundation of Orthodox and Alexandria's pride
swift uprighting of the fallen, succor of those in distress,
amendment of hard-ended sinners, shepherd of those gone astray,

rule of temperance, standard of ascetic life;
feeder of the hungry, help of the oppressed;
and the staff of old age, strengthening the weak;

the haven of those in storm, rescue of those in jeopardy,
protection of widows and visitation of all the sick,
the meadow of sweetest scents and the Spirit's own ark of myrrh,

unfailing guardian, and the tower of strength to all,
unfailing covering of the naked and miserable:
the everflowing stream of alms, deeds and kindness

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law of diligence, and the sea_ of bene_[c]ence;
right-eous Fa-[ther] John, who dost stand_ in the Heav-ens' heights,
and au-gust a-bode of the Most_ Holy Trin-i-ty.

match-less-ly cheer-ful giv-er who dis-pens-est a-bun-dant-ly
look with thy gaze of mer-cy and at-ten-d to us from on high,
Ev-er_re-men-ber us who sing thy praise, O most glo-ri-ous,
that which is need-ful and fit-ting to all that
and im-por-tune Christ the Sav-ior that He might
and swift-ly res-cue us out_ of af-flic-tions,
faith-ful-ly run to thee. O all-bless-ed Fa-ther,
send_down up-on our souls His rich and Great Mer-cy
dan-gers, and sick-ness-es, and tor-ment ë-ter-nal,
in-ter-cede with Christ to grant His Great Mer-cy to our souls.
and a share in His di-vine_ and ë-ter-nal love for man.
by en-treat-ing Christ, Who grant-eth Great Mer-cy to the world.