January 15th
John the Hut-Dweller
Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: When he took thee
Adapted by Rassem El Massih

1) When by inspiration of our God, thou didst contrive, and a strange purity didst thou prefer unto the broad and easy way the afflicted and narrow path embraced with love. At the gates of thy parents' house of hardness and sorrows. Wherefore, when thou cam'est to a
2) A strange way of life thou didst contrive, and a strange purity thou hast embraced and with tears, O all-lauded John,
3) With the sacred Gospel in thy hand, thou, O righteous

Fleddest from every delightful thing of the world, suit, being wounded with fervent longing for Christ, Father, becamest a true fulfiller thereof

Then didst thou renounce thy parents' wealth and

Whose unfathom'd poverty thou hast em when thou didst renounce thy parents' wealth and

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put - ting on the monk's god - ly hab - it.
Where - fore, thou wast filled with di - vine gifts
Hence, thou now hast end - less re - joic - ing,

thou didst flee and strip off all pas - sions
and, O Fa - ther, thou didst in - her - it
rev' ling in di - vine con - so - la - tion,

from thee, O di - vine - ly - bless - ed Fa - ther John.
rich - es in the Heav - ens that can - not be lost.
thou who hast been glo - ri - fied by God Most High.