April 18th

Venerable John, Disciple of Gregory of Decapolis
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: Having laid up all their hope

1) Guided by the fear of God, O righteous Father, thou fleddest from the bitter tyranny of the passions and from all stirrings of the flesh;

and thou didst gladden God when with virtue's beauty thou didst make thy heart exceeding fair,

and thou abidest now where abide the companies of the just;

and in the measure of thy love,

as thou hadst desired, thou hast found thy rest.

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There do thou not leave off remembering us all, who now with faith keep thy resplendent memorial,

O our righteous Father John.

2) With a firm and steadfast heart, thou soughtest God thy Creator, wholly given up to Him through thy prayers in every hour, and thou didst soar up on the wings of divine meditations;

and for this, thou hadst preparing thee.
and urging thee there-to him that both in name and in very deed
shone forth in signs and miracles,
even our divine Father Gregory;
lighted by whose beacons, O John, thou didst pass
safely through the storm of this vile body's fierce billowing,
blessed man inspired of God.

3) Thou didst live in holiness; the cares of life could not
bind thee; but, O righteous Father John,
thou wast come - ly with the works of a bet - ter way.

Bear-ing deep__in thy heart fire that came from Heav-en,

thou didst live________ in still - ness pa-tient-ly,

whol-ly de-vot-ed to stand-ing all the night pray-ing watch-ful-ly,

and might-i - ly wast pu - ri - fied,

shown forth to be God - like in ver - y truth.

Af-ter toils and trou-bles, un-troubled joy hast

thou in turn re-ceived, and that di-vine glad-ness dost thou ask

for all them that__hon - or thee.