

September 2nd

The Venerable John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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, like a new
Aar - on a - dorned with the sa - cred and
priest - ly robe in all sol - emn maj - es - ty,
thou dost o - pen - ly look up - on the ver - y
Ho - ly of Ho - lies, since in truth
thou art now en - tered with - in the sec - ond veil.
O thē in - ef - fa - ble and un - fath - omed bright - ness
Un. that thou hast re - ceived, O di - vine a - dorn - ment
of high priests and right - eous men!

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2) Most wise and all-laud-ed Fa-ther John, since thou be -
 -came - est like God by thy sim - ple and
 guile - less ways, thou with God dost now a - bide,
 and thou tru - ly art de - i - fied through cease - less
 prayer and thy un - ion with the good;
 and thou art filled with the light that stream - eth thence
 in the clear pu - ri - ty of thy mind and in the
 bright - ness of thy soul, O di - vine and sa - cred
 come - li - ness of God's high priests.

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3) Bless - ed and most hal - lowed Fa - ther John, flee - ing the
 trou - ble - some cares and com - mo - tion of
 world - ly life, thou, O right - eous man, didst run
 to Christ Sav - ior's tran - quil - i - ty; and with thē
 ut - ter - ly bless - ed beams of light
 both of di - vine vi - sion and ac - tiv - i - ty,
 thou wast made rich in - deed; which thou al - so didst pass
 on to faith - ful men, for thou wast re - splen - dent
 with a life be - fit - ting God.