

November 12th

John the Almsgiver, Patriarch of Alexandria

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

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The musical score consists of eight staves of Byzantine chant notation in G clef, Mode 4 (E). The notes are primarily quarter notes, with some eighth and sixteenth note variations. The melody includes several melodic formulas labeled with letters: E, Un., E, G, E, E, G, and E. The lyrics are written below each staff, corresponding to the musical phrases. The lyrics are as follows:

1) Thou didst give, thou didst dis - perse thy bread to them that en -
-treat - ed thee, im - i - tat - ing, O won - drous John, the
great - ly com - pas - sion - ate Mas - ter's love and mer - cy;
where - fore, thy me - mo - ri - al doth en - dure in ver - y truth
un - to the ag - es, O right - eous Saint of God; which
as we cel - e - brate with faith and love, O Hier - arch di -
-vine - ly blest, save us all by thy ho - ly prayers
from temp - ta - tions and suf - fer - ings.

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The musical score consists of six staves of music in G clef, 2/4 time, and E major. The lyrics are integrated directly onto the staves.

Un.

2) He that see - th hid - den things, when He be - held thy great

pu - ri - ty with the up - right - ness of thy mind and

thy di - vine way of life, raised thee to a great throne,

and with ho - ly chris - m a - noint - ed thee, per - fect - ing thee;

and He en - trust - ed the helm in - to thy hand; where -

- on, in thy great wis - dom thou didst guide thy flock to the

ha - ven of the di - vine will, O Fa - ther John,

all - wise Hier - arch in - spired of God.

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3) All the ask - ings of thy heart did Christ the Sav - ior grant
 un - to thee, won - der - wor - thy and right - eous John. For
 thou kept - est faith - ful - ly all His sav - ing stat - utes
 and with all thy be - ing didst whol - ly love the Lord thy God,
 as well as lov - ing thy neigh - bor as thy - self; and
 thou didst grant thy suc - cor to the need - y, fill - ing their
 ev - 'ry want. Hence, O Fa - ther John blest of God,
 we ac - claim thee with hymns to - day.