December 4th
Our Righteous Father John of Damascus
Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried"

1) What shall we now call thee, O Saint of God? Holy John the Theologian, hymn-wright David sweet of song? Wondrous harp moved by the Spirit, or a shepherd's tuneful pipe? For thou dost sweeten both the hearing and the mind; thou makest glad the blest assemblies of the Church; and thy melilious words adorn with their magnificence all the earth. Do thou entreat Christ the Savior that our souls be saved.

2) What shall I now call thee, O wondrous one, wise and sweetly speaking John, thou great and brightly shining star, thou whose vision was illumined with the Trinity's clear light? For enter...
- ing the Spirit's darkness, thou was there instructed in the things of God no man may speak; and then, like Moses, thou didst explain all things with musical eloquence. Do thou en treat Christ the Savior that our souls be saved.

3) What shall I now call thee, O glorious John? Shining torch that bringeth light or an instructor great of fame; sacred priest or true beholder of the Mysteries of God; a star that doth adorn the Church with majesty; a lampstand shining brightly on those in the dark; a most harmonious instrument; a trumpet sounding with comely strains. Do thou en treat Christ the Savior that our souls be saved.