

October 19th

Our Righteous and God-bearing Father John, Archpriest of Kronstadt and Wonderworker

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: *O strange wonder*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) Re-joyce, re - con - cil - er of men with God, deep spring - ing
foun - tain of love, un - con - tain - a - ble
flood of grace; re - joyce, un - ly - ing or - a - cle
of the judg - ment and will of God; pure ves - sel
cho - sen from child - hood by the Lord;
thou soul as hon - est and o - pen as the sky;
re - joyce Is - rael - ite in - deed, in whose mouth no word of
guile was ev - er found: where - fore, all thy prayers were
heard, O ev - er - bless - ed John.

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2) When thou didst stretch out thy hands to pray, they covered
 all of the world, swiftly reaching the
 throne of God, bringing mercy down on earth,
 healing sickness and suffering, here pulling
 rain clouds to water withered ground,
 there ending anthrax, and cholera, and plague.
 For thy most daring prayer was empowered by thine
 ardent faith and love, uttermost humility -
 and child-like innocence.

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3) Re-joice, thou new be-lov'd dis-ci-ple John; for in that
dread up-per room, thou didst lean dai-ly
on the breast of God's Wis-dom, Who con-ferred
un-der-stand-ing of mys-ter-ies and raised thee
up as a great and blaz-ing lamp
to shine on Rus-sia and all the Church of Christ;
and if the tale be told of the might-y won-ders
thou didst work each day, could the world it-self con-
tain the books a-bout them all?