


January 15th

John the Hut-Dweller


Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2
Special Melody: *When he took thee*

Adapted by Rassem El Massih




1) When by in - spi - ra - tion of our God, thou with glad - ness
2) A strange way of life thou didst con - trive, and a strange pur -
3) With the sa - cred Gos - pel in thy hand, thou, O right - eous




fled - dest from ev' - ry de - light - ful thing of the world,
- suit, be - ing wound - ed with fer - vent long - ing for Christ,
Fa - ther, be - cam - est a true ful - fill - er there - of




then didst thou pre - fer un - to the broad and
Whose un - fath - omed pov - er - ty thou hast em -
when thou didst re - nounce thy par - ents' wealth and



eas - y way thē af - flict - ed and nar - row path
- braced with love. At the gates of thy par - ents' house
prop - er - ty and with tears, O all - laud - ed John,



of hard - ness and sor - rows. Where - fore, when thou cam - est to a
didst thou live with - out home, sigh - ing and af - flict - ed, yet en -
and com - fort - less hard - ship, thou didst pass the course of thy whole



school for train - ing souls,
- dur - ing pa - tient - ly.
life in pov - er - ty.

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put - ting on the monk's god - ly hab - it,
Where - fore, thou wast filled with di - vine gifts
Hence, thou now hast end - less re - joic - ing,

thou didst flee and strip off all pas - sions
and, O Fa - ther, thou didst in - her - it
rev' - ling in di - vine con - so - la - tion,

from thee, O di - vine - ly - bless - ed Fa - ther John.
rich - es in the Heav - ens that can - not be lost.
thou who hast been glo - ri - fied by God Most High.