

November 13: St. John Chrysostom
Stichera on the Praises
Tone 4, Special Melody, "Thou hast given a sign"

Kiev Caves Lavra

Sticheron 1

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Thou wast a most pre-cious ves - sel, of the di - vine Spi - rit,

and a most sacred pastor, an an - - - gel on earth,

a pillar of the church and a foundation of the dog-mas, a surety for sin - ers,

and the divine consolation of the pen - i - tent, who tak - est thought for the poor,

Sticheron 2

Thou wast a sun of great brill - iance, illumining the whole world with thy

dis - cours - es, a most ra - - - diant star shin - ing forth rays of light,

which ever guide to the most tranquil ha - - - ven

those who are tempest-tossed upon the sea of the world by the grace of

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sal - va - - - tion, O gold - en word - ed Chry - - so - stom,

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a series of chords, with some groups of three chords beamed together. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

in - ter - ces - sor for our souls.

The second system of the musical score also consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It features a series of chords, ending with a double bar line. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Sticheron 3

Thou wast truly an earth - ly an - gel and a hea - ven - ly man,

a mel - o - di - ous night - - - in - gale, a river full of

no - e - tic wa - ters, a cloud pouring forth showers of under - stand - - ing,

a - bun - dant - ly wa - ter - ing us all, a teach - er of sal - va - - tion,

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and an aid in re - pen - - - tance, O John Chry - so - stom.

Sticheron 4

Driv - en un - just - ly from thy flock, O ven - er - a - ble fa - ther,

thou didst endure tribu - la - - - tions and bit - ter im - pris - on - ment,

wherein thou wast counted worthy of a bless - - - ed end;

and vanquishing the most crafty one, as a valiant ath - lete,

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thou wast crowned by Christ with a diadem of vic - tor - y,

O John Chry - so - stom, in - ter - ces - sor for our souls.

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