November 12: St. John the Almsgiver  
Stichera on "Lord I have cried"  
Tone 4, Special Melody "Thou hast given a sign..."  
Kiev Caves Lavra Chant

(6) Reader: In the 4th Tone, Special Melody "Thou hast given a sign"
If Thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

Scattering thou didst distribute thy bread to those who were in need thereof,

O wondrous John, in mercy emulating the most merciful Master,

O venerable one; wherefore, thy memory truly abideth forever, O holy one.

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By thy supplications do thou save those who celebrate it with faith from temptations and tribulations, O hierarch most rich.

(5) Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord; my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word, My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Foreseeing thy purity, the uprightness of thy mind and thy godly demeanor, He Who seeth things that are hidden
elevateth thee to a most magnificent throne, anointing and perfecting thee with chrism, O wise one, and manifestly appointing thee the helmsman of His flock which thou didst guide to the heaven of divine desire, O divinely eloquent John.

(4) Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Israel hope in the Lord.
All the requests of thy heart, the Lord did grant, O right wondrous one; for thou didst observe all the laws of salvation.

For God and neighbor didst thou unendingly love, as thy very self,

O divinely blessed one; and thou didst satisfy those who were in need. Wherefore, today we honor thee, O John.