

## The 30<sup>th</sup> Day of March

Commemoration of our venerable father John, author of “The Ladder.”

### Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” these stikhera in Tone 8: *Special melody: “O most glorious wonder...”*

O venerable father John, /  
Thou didst continually proclaim the praises of God, /  
Teaching all with thy living and divinely-inspired words, /  
From which flow streams of divine grace; ///  
By them thou wast richly blessed, O wise one. /

O most glorious father John, /  
Having cleaned thy soul with the torrents of thy tears, /  
Thou didst gain God’s mercy by standing vigils through the night /  
And thou didst soar aloft as if borne on divine wings, /  
To the place where thou dost delight in His love and beauty ///  
Ceaselessly rejoicing with thy fellow strugglers, O most wise one /

O most venerable father John, /  
Allowing thy mind to take flight on wings of faith to God, /  
Thou didst come to distain the unstable confusion of this world /  
And taking up thy cross /  
Thou didst follow after Him Who seeth all things /  
And didst bind the unbridled passions of the body to the reasoning of the mind /  
Through thy ascetic labors and the power of the divine Spirit.

*If it be a Saturday or a Sunday, we sing:*

### Glory... in Tone 6:

News of thy teachings has gone forth into all the world. /  
Therefore thou hast found the reward of thy labors in heaven, /  
O venerable father. /  
Thou hast defeated the armies of demons, /  
And hath attained to the ranks of the angels, /  
Whose life thou didst blamelessly strive to emulate; /  
Having boldness before Christ God pray that peace be granted to our souls.

*But if it be a Fast day, we sing:*

**Glory..., now and ever... Theotokion in Tone 8:**

O vessel of virginity, /  
Most pure and beautiful dwelling place of God, /  
I beseech thee, O pure one: /  
Comfort my soul poisoned by the venom of the serpent /  
And mortified by my transgressions, /  
That I may ever glorify thee /  
Together with all the faithful who magnify thee ///  
O divinely joyous one.

*Or this Stavrotheotokion, Tone 8: Special melody: “O most glorious wonder...”.*

“What is this sight that I see, /  
What do mine eyes behold, O Master? /  
Thou, Who sustainest all creation, lifted up upon the Tree, /  
Dost die granting life to all,” /  
Cried the Theotokos, weeping, when she beheld upon the Cross ///  
The God-man Who had ineffably shone forth from her.

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion if a resurrection service;*

**At the Apostikha:**

**Glory... Tone 8**

We honor thee as an instructor of a multitude of monastics, /  
O our father, John, /  
For we truly learned the right path by following in thy steps. /  
Blessèd art thou, for by thy labors thou didst put enemy to shame, /  
O converser with the angels, /  
And companion of the venerable and the righteous; /  
With whom thou dost now commune ///  
Pray with them to the Lord, that He have mercy on our souls.

**The Troparion to the Saint, Tone 8:**

Thine abundant tears made the wilderness sprout and bloom /  
And thy suffering made thy labors fruitful a hundredfold /  
Thou hast become a shining torch over all the world /  
O our holy father John, pray to Christ God that He may save our souls.

30 MARCH: VENERABLE JOHN CLIMACUS (of “The Ladder”)

## Morning Service

**The Canon for Venerable John Climacus, Tone 8, by Ignatius.** (incomplete as of 2/2013)

**The Kontakion, Tone 4:** *Special melody: “Thou hast appeared...”*

**T**he Lord truly set thee on the heights of abstinence /

To be a guiding star /

Showing the way to the universe, ///

O our father and teacher, John.