

The 18th Day of April

Commemoration of Ven. John, Disciple of Saint Gregory of Decapolis.

Evening Service

At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stikhera, in Tone 8: *Special melody: “O all-glorious wonder...”*

O venerable father John, /
Thy mind flew towards God on wings of faith /
Leaving behind the cares and confusion of this world; /
And taking up thy cross,
Thou didst follow after Him Who knoweth all things /
Taming thy unruly body to the wisdom of thy mind /
Through thine ascetic deeds ///
And through the power of the Divine Spirit.

Thou didst come to Gregory, O most glorious John, /
As toward the sun shining with the light of virtues /
And the rays of miracles, /
Through him thou didst enlighten thy spiritual eyes /
Dispelling the darkness of passions /
Thyself becoming a radiant star; ///
Coming to stand before the never-waning Light, O all-blessèd father.

Thy whole life, O [venerable father] John, /
Was spent in prayers of silent weeping and tears, /
Becoming through faith a true monk. /
Thou wast adorned with poverty and made beautiful through abstinence /
Appearing a stranger and a wanderer on earth ///
Thereby obtaining for thyself the delights of blessèdness, O wondrous one.

Glory... now and ever..., Theotokion: *Same Tone and melody:*

The pre-eternal God became incarnate of thee, /
O most pure Lady, /
Revealing thee as the intercessor for mankind. /
Therefore, deliver us, thy servants /
From every tribulation and sorrow /
Brought on by the wiles of the enemy; /
So that ever glorifying and honoring thee ///
We may come to partake of the splendors of the chosen ones.

Or the Stavrotheotokion: Same Tone and melody:

“**W**hat is this sight that I see, /
What do mine eyes behold, O Master? /
Thou, Who sustainest all creation, lifted up on 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;

[No Troparion is given for the saint in the Menaion]

Morning Service

[The Canon for the Martyr]

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The Kontakion to the saint, in Tone 4: *Special melody: “Having been lifted up...”*

Adorning thy life with abstinence /
And mortifying thy flesh, O father, /
Thou didst turn aside the attacks of the enemy; /
Becoming thus a worthy heir, O all-blessèd father, /
Thou didst attain the everlasting joy /
And the eternal life that is with God. /
Entreat thou Him, that we may be saved.