

## The 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**T**hou 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.

**T**hy 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:***

**T**he 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]**

*... incomplete as of 1/2013*

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

**A**dorning 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.