**SEPTEMBER 26**

**Repose of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 1**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 1** *(Joy of the Heavenly Hosts)*

The beholder of ineffable revelations,

the interpreter of the mysteries of God on high;

the son of Zebedee has recorded the Gospel of Christ for us,//

teaching us to confess God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!*

(Repeat: “The beholder of ineffable revelations…”)

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

(Repeat: “The beholder of ineffable revelations…”)

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Divinely inspired instrument for the songs of heaven,

whose secrets he wrote down for us,

singing wonderfully the song of songs,

with words from his mouth as music from a lyre,//

he prays for us to be saved.

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

(Repeat: “Divinely inspired instrument for the songs of heaven …”)

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

(Repeat: “Divinely inspired instrument for the songs of heaven …”)

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

With your tongue resounding as thunder,

you declare the hidden Word of the Wisdom of God.

O beloved of God, you open your mouth to cry:

“In the beginning was the Word!”//

Thus you illumine all mankind with the knowledge of God.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.*

(Repeat: “With your tongue resounding as thunder …”)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 2** Idiomelon *(by Germanos)*

Let us give rightful praise to the Son of Thunder,

the source of divine words, the chief theologian,

the first to proclaim the truths of the teachings of the wisdom of God:

John the beloved and virgin.

For, divinely inspired from within, he said:

“In the beginning was the Word!”

You taught that He is inseparable from the Father;

equal to Him in nature,

and revealed to us the right worship of the Trinity.

You have also shown us the Creator,

Who, being with the Father and bearing life, showed us the true light.

Oh, awesome and fearful wonder!

As you were filled with love, you were filled with divine speech,

and with the glory, belief and honor

that confirm our undivided faith,//

through which we attain the eternal good on the Day of Judgment.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 2**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

The shadow of the Law passed when grace came;

as the Bush burned, yet was not consumed,

so the Virgin gave birth, yet remained a Virgin.

Instead of a pillar of flame, the Righteous Sun has risen.//

Instead of Moses, Christ, the Salvation of our souls.

**Readings**

**1 John 3:21-4:6**

**1 John 4:11-16**

**1 John 4:20-5:5**

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**Litya**

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***Temple, these stichera are sung:*)**

**Tone 1***(by Germanos)*

Rivers of theology gushed forth from your precious mouth, O Apostle.

Watered by them the Church of God, in an Orthodox manner,

worships the Trinity, one in essence.//

Pray now, O John the Theologian, that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 1** *(by Andrew Pyrrhus)*

On this present feast, the Tree of Purity

has emitted the myrrh of sweet fragrance,

so that we may cry out to him:

“O Apostle John, who reclined on the Master’s breast,

and thundered forth the Word to the world,

and guarded the Virgin as the apple of the eye;//

entreat Christ that He grant us great mercy!”

O disciple of the Savior,

virgin and theologian,

to you did Christ our God, when He was crucified,

entrust the Virgin and Mother of God;

and you guarded her as the apple of your eye.//

Entreat Christ that He grant us great mercy!

As an eyewitness of the ineffable mysteries,

You cried out, exclaiming:

“In the beginning the pre-eternal Word was with God, and He was God!”

O Apostle John, who leaned on Christ’s breast,

the true friend of the Trinity,

fragrance of Ephesus, unshaken support of Patmos, and helper of us;

intercede, most blessed Theologian,

that the people who always faithfully keep your memory,//

may be delivered from hostile enemies, both physical and spiritual!

**Tone 2** *(by Theophanes)*

Come, O faithful,

let us bless the foremost of the Apostles,

the trumpet of theology, the spiritual general,

who made the inhabited earth subject to God!

John, praised in song by all,

has departed from the earth yet has not stood aloof from the earth,

but lives and awaits the Master’s fearful Second Coming.

Mystical friend of Christ, who leaned on His breast,

pray that we, who with love keep your memory,//

may meet with that Coming as ones uncondemned!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 4** *(by Byzantios)*

Having leaned on the breast of Christ the Teacher at the Lord’s Supper,

O beloved Disciple,

and having gained from it knowledge of things ineffable,

you also thundered forth to all the heavenly proclamation:

“In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God:

the True Light Who enlightens every man who comes into the world,//

Christ God and the Savior of our souls!”

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

The Son, Who with the Father and the Spirit is glorified

by the Cherubim in the highest,

desired to refashion the first-created man.

He ineffably emptied Himself into your womb, O all-praised Theotokos,

and shining forth from you, He enlightened the whole world with His

Godhead,

delivering it from the folly of idols.

Making humanity divine in Himself, he joined it to heaven.//

He is Christ, our God and the Savior of our souls.

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**Aposticha**

**Tone 4**  *(Called from on high)*

You confessed the Son of the Most High:

co-eternal and one in essence with the Father;

Light from Light, unchanging,

the express Image of the Person Who begot Him,

shining from Him timelessly and without passion,

the Creator and Lord of all ages.

You preached Him to the world as Christ our God,//

the Light leading out of darkness.

*v: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (Ps 18/19:4).*

Having received the light of the Holy Spirit,

you were enlightened to speak of things divine:

of the Comforter, Who proceeds from the Father,

and Who appeared to mankind through the Son.

One Honor, one Throne, one Essence, with the Father Who is without

beginning,

and the Word of God.

All this, O beloved one, you proclaimed to the world.

Therefore we honor you in hymns as the source of the faith//

that you preserve unshaken by your intercessions before the Lord.

*v: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps 18/19:1)*

Having ascended to the height of theology,

you learned the ineffable mysteries of God:

the Unity of the essence of the Godhead;

one Glory, one Kingdom, one Dominion,

ever divided into three Persons,

yet undivided and united in a divine Union without confusion.

In this way you proclaimed Him,

glorifying the undivided Trinity.//

Pray, O Theologian, that He may save and enlighten our souls!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 6** *(by John the Monk)*

O Apostle of Christ,

Evangelist and divine Teacher,

you were an initiate of ineffable things.

You made teachings plain to the faithful,

as you thundered forth to us:

“In the beginning was the Word!”

Casting aside the words of heretics who said: “He was not.”

You were openly the bosom friend and beloved,

like the prophet Isaiah, and Moses, who saw God.

As you have boldness before Him,//

never cease to pray for our souls!

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of you, O most pure Virgin.

By accepting my nature, He freed Adam from his ancient curse.

Unceasingly we magnify you as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the Protection, Intercession and Salvation of our souls!

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***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 2 Troparion**

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,

hasten to deliver a defenseless people!

He Who allowed you to recline on His breast,

receives you as you bow before Him.

Implore Him, John the Theologian,

to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,//

entreating for us peace and great mercy!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 2 Resurrectional** **Dismissal Theotokion**

All beyond thought, all most glorious,

are your mysteries, O Theotokos.

Sealed in purity, preserved in virginity,

you were revealed to be the true Mother who gave birth to the True

God.//

Entreat Him to save our souls!

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***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 2 Troparion**

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,

hasten to deliver a defenseless people!

He Who allowed you to recline on His breast,

receives you as you bow before Him.

Implore Him, John the Theologian,

to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,//

entreating for us peace and great mercy! *(twice)*

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!

Blessed are you among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of your womb,//

for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

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***(at the Divine Liturgy)***

**Tone 2 Troparion**

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God,

hasten to deliver a defenseless people!

He Who allowed you to recline on His breast,

receives you as you bow before Him.

Implore Him, John the Theologian,

to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens,//

entreating for us peace and great mercy!

**Tone 2 Kontakion**

Who shall declare your greatness,

O virgin disciple,

for you pour forth wonders and are a source of healings,//

and pray for our souls as Theologian and friend of Christ.

**Tone 8** **Prokeimenon**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the

ends of the universe! *(Ps 63/64:10)*

*v: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Ps 18/19:1)*

**Epistle**

1 John 4:12-19 *(St John)*

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: The heavens will praise Your wonders, O Lord; and Your truth in the congregation of the saints. (Ps 88/89:5)*

*v: God is glorified in the council of the saint; great and awesome toward all who are around Him. (Ps 88/89:7)*

**Gospel**

John 19:25-27; 21:24-25 *(St John)*

**Communion Hymn**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the

ends of the universe. *(Ps 63/64:10)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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