**NOVEMBER 13**

**St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 4**

Lord, I call upon Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy 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 Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!*

**Tone 4** *(As one valiant among the martyrs)*

Let us praise in song the golden trumpet,

the divinely-inspired instrument,

the inexhaustible sea of doctrines,

the pillar of the Church, the heavenly mind,

the abyss of wisdom, the golden chalice,

pouring forth rivers of teachings flowing with honey//

and refreshing the creation!

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

(Repeat: “Let us praise in song the golden trumpet…”)

V. (6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

(Repeat: “Let us praise in song the golden trumpet…”)

V. (5) *For Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Let us worthily honor John of golden speech,

the ever-shining star

illumining the whole earth with the rays of his teachings;

the preacher of repentance;

the golden sponge absorbing the wetness of deep despair,//

and moistening hearts that are killed by sins!

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

(Repeat: “Let us worthily honor John of golden speech…”)

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: “Let us worthily honor John of golden speech…”)

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

Let us magnify with hymns the Golden-mouth,

an earthly angel and a heavenly man;

a sweet-speaking swallow of many notes;

a treasure-house of virtues; an unbreakable rock;

an example for the faithful; a rival of martyrs;

a peer of the holy Angels;//

an equal of the Apostles!

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

(Repeat: “Let us magnify with hymns the Golden-mouth…”)

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

**Tone 6**

O thrice-blessed Saint,

most holy Father,

good shepherd and disciple of Christ, the Chief Shepherd:

thou didst lay down thy life for the sheep;

and now, O John Chrysostom, worthy of all praise,//

by thine intercessions ask that we be granted great mercy!

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

**Tone 6**  *(Theotokion – Dogmatikon)*

Who will not bless thee, O most holy Virgin?

Who will not sing of thy most pure childbearing?

The only-begotten Son shone timelessly from the Father,

but from thee He was ineffably incarnate.

God by nature, yet Man for our sake,

not two persons, but one known in two natures.

Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessed Lady,//

to have mercy on our souls!

 **Old Testament Readings**

 **Composite 2 (Proverbs)**

 **Composite 4 (Wisdom of Solomon)** **Composite 5 (Wisdom of Solomon)**

**Litya**

*(If the rector desires the Litya, following the sticheron to the Patron Saint of the Temple,*

*these stichera are sung)*

**Tone 1** *Idiomela (by Anatolius*)

O light-giver John, mouth of golden brilliance,

adornment of deifying virtues,

dwelling-place of the high mysteries of Scripture,

thou wast a pure treasury of the most Holy Spirit.

Thou didst gladden the whole Church with thy saving discourse.

Therefore, having found boldness before God

in the enjoyment of the heavenly inheritance,//

intercede on our behalf, O most holy Father!

Grace was poured forth on thy lips,

O holy Father John Chrysostom;

for this reason God anointed thee as high priest of His people,

to shepherd His flock in holiness and righteousness.

Therefore, girded about with the sword of power,

thou dost cut off the blasphemous heresies.

And now, cease not to intercede that peace be established in the world,//

and that our souls be saved!

 **Tone 2** *(by the Studite)*

As we lovingly praise thee,

the great high priest and shepherd,

the guileless and holy preacher of repentance,

the Golden Mouth of grace,

we entreat thee, O Father://

Pray for the salvation of our souls!

**Tone 2** *(by George of Nicomedia)*

Adorned with thy golden words as with gold ornaments,

O John Chrysostom,

the Church as a Bride cries out to thee rejoicing:

“I have been filled from thy golden-flowing streams,

and made resplendent by golden and honey-flowing chalices;

by thy gentle exhortations I am led up from action to contemplation,

and am joined to Christ, the spiritual Bridegroom, reigning with Him.”

Therefore, as we assemble to honor thy memory, let us cry out to thee:

“Grow not weary of supplicating the Lord for us//

that our souls may be saved!”

O Hierarch, thou didst acquire the highest love of wisdom

and didst transcend the world, living above visible things;

thou wast revealed as a spotless mirror of God,

being united to the Light, thou didst receive the clearer light,

reaching a blessed end.//

Intercede, O Chrysostom, on behalf of our souls!

 **Tone 4**

With sayings more luminous than brightest gold,

thou didst shower the ends of the earth, all-blessed Father,

having both soul and body touched with gold.

Thou didst gild all things with the words of thy teachings, O golden artisan;

and having written books of gold, thou wast joined to the heavens.

Therefore we cry aloud to thee:

“O Golden-mouth, streaming with gold,//

entreat Christ God for the salvation of our souls!”

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

**Tone 4** *(by Germanos)*

It was fitting for the queen of cities

to boast of John the Hierarch,

as a royal adornment and a golden trumpet,

sounding forth throughout all the ends of the earth with saving doctrines,

and gathering all to chant hymns worthy of God.

Let us cry aloud to him:

“O Golden of speech and Golden-mouth,//

entreat Christ God for the salvation of our souls!”

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

 **Tone 4** *(Theotokion)*

O undefiled Theotokos,

we have obtained thee as a wall, a calm harbor and fortress;

therefore, being tossed as by a storm in life, we pray://

Guide us and save us!

**Aposticha**

**Tone 5** *(Rejoice)*

Rejoice, divinely inspired instrument of the Church;

beautiful tongue of gold describing images of repentance for us in love;

golden mind, golden-mouthed swallow;

dove, whose pinions, as the Psalmist says, are shining like gold

with the golden glitter of virtues!

Thou art a golden stream flowing with waters:

a pledge of God’s love for mankind.//

Entreat Christ God to send down great mercy to our souls!

V. *My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be*

*understanding. (Ps. 48:3)*

Rejoice, father of orphans!

Thou art the swift helper of the oppressed, a provision for the poor;

food for the starving, the correction of sinners;

honorable physician giving satisfaction to the souls of men.

Thou art the height of theology’s fame,

recounting the writings of the Spirit;

most active and just law and rule,

greatest wisdom of both vision and action.//

Entreat Christ to send down great mercy to our souls!

V. *The mouth of the righteous meditates wisdom and his tongue speaks of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

The Church cries out to thee: “Rejoice, O Bridegroom Chrysostom!

Thou dost illumine the world with thy virtues,

and the pearls of thy preaching shine brighter than the sun.

Thou art far wiser than the wise and are exalted above all orators,

a champion of true dogmas, denouncer of falsehood

and teacher of repentance.

Rejoice, great and calm depth of knowledge,

for like the Apostle Paul thou hast inherited the mind of Christ!//

Entreat Him to grant our souls great mercy!”

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

**Tone 6**

Thou wast revealed as a golden-voiced trumpet,

O golden-speaking Chrysostom,

gilding the hearts of the faithful with thy teachings fashioned in gold;

for, in accord with the prophecy,

the proclamation of thy doctrines went forth, O venerable Father,//

and thou didst enlighten all the ends of the world.

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

**Tone 6** *(Theotokion)*

My Maker and Redeemer, Christ the Lord,

was born of thee, O most pure Virgin.

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

Unceasingly we magnify thee as the Mother of God!

Rejoice, O celestial Joy!

Rejoice, O Lady://

the protection, intercession and salvation of our souls!

***(at Great Vespers)***

**Tone 8 Troparion**

Grace shining forth from thy lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe.

It has shown to the world the riches of poverty.

It has revealed to us the heights of humility.

Teaching us by thy words O Father John Chrysostom,

intercede before the Word Christ our God, to save our souls!

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

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

**Tone 8** **Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion**

For our sake Thou wast born of the Virgin

and didst endure crucifixion, O Good One, destroying death by death.

Revealing the Resurrection as God, do not despise the work of Thy hand!

Reveal Thy love for man, O Merciful One, and accept the Theotokos praying

for us,//

and save the despairing people, O our Savior!

***(at Vigil)***

**Tone 8 Troparion**

Grace shining forth from thy lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe.

It has shown to the world the riches of poverty.

It has revealed to us the heights of humility.

Teaching us by thy words O Father John Chrysostom,

intercede before the Word Christ our God, to save our souls! *(twice)*

**Tone 4 Troparion to the Theotokos**

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,

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

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb,//

for thou hast borne the Savior of our souls. *(once)*

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

**Tone 8 Troparion**

Grace shining forth from thy lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe.

It has shown to the world the riches of poverty.

It has revealed to us the heights of humility.

Teaching us by thy words O Father John Chrysostom,

intercede before the Word Christ our God, to save our souls!

**Tone 6** **Kontakion**

Having received divine grace from heaven,

with thy mouth thou dost teach all men to worship one God in Trinity.

All-blessed and venerable John Chrysostom,

we worthily praise thee, for thou art our teacher, revealing things divine.

**Tone 1** **Prokeimenon**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; / the meditation of my heart shall be

understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

V. *Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth! (Ps. 48:1)*

**Epistle**

 (318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2 *(St. John)*

**Tone 2**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. *The mouth of the righteous meditates wisdom and his tongue speaks of judgment. (Ps. 36:31)*

V. *The Law of God is in his heart, and his steps shall not falter. (Ps. 36:32)*

 **Gospel**

 (36) John 10:9-16 *(St. John)*

**Communion Hymn**

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil

tidings. *(Ps. 111:6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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