

Vesper Propers, September 26

Falling Asleep of John the Theologian, Apostle and Evangelist

The passing of the holy apostle and evangelist, John the Theologian, son of Zebedee, who, with his brother James and Peter was a witness of the transfiguration and also of the passion of the Lord. At the cross he took Mary as his mother, at the command of the dying Lord. In the Gospel and his other writings he shows himself to be a theologian. He was found worthy to contemplate the glory of the incarnate Word, which he saw and proclaimed. (cf May 8)

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We Hasten to Your Patronage



1. O come you now; with prais-es crown Saint John, loved by the Lord,
2. Saint John, the lyre of heav-en, sang of Christ, our God and Lord,
3. Of Mar - y, faith - ful guard - i - an, good pas - tor to his flock,
4. In days of au - tumn beau - ty, let our hymns of glo - ry rise;



Whose Gos - pel thun - ders loud - ly: "In be - gin - ning was the Word!"
 Who came to give a - bun - dant life; great praise let us af - ford!
 Saint John in - spires us each to cling to Christ, the might - y Rock.
 With John and heav - en's ar - mies, we on earth now fill the skies:



From lean - ing on the Master's breast came wis - dom so pro - found;
 His let - ters preach our du - ty, God and neigh - bor both to love;
 O Lov - ing God, both One - and - Three, pro - claimed in words of flame,
 To God and Fa - ther, glo - ry be! to Je - sus, Lord and King;



His writ - ings of the God - Man spread this truth the world a - round!
 With - in this teach - ing, let us aim from earth to heav'n a - bove.
 Let us be faith - ful as he taught, in praise of Your great Name!
 To Spir - it, who in - spires us all: God's glo - ry let us sing!

Troparion - Tone 2



Be - lov - ed A - pos - tle of Christ our God, has - ten to deliver a people that



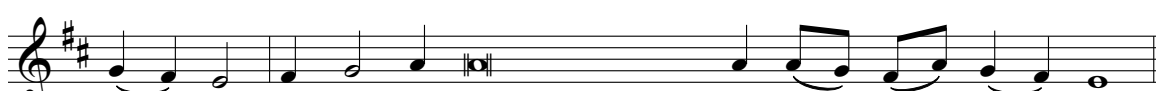
lacks an - y oth - er de-fense. He who ac-cept-ed that you lay your



head on his breast will al - so ac-cept your pray'r. Pray to Christ, O

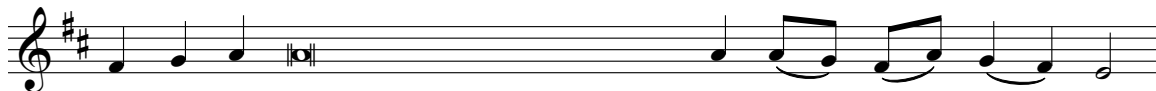


The - o - lo - gian, that he may overcome the darkness of pa - gan



na - tions, and beg that he grant us peace and a - bun - dant mer - cy.

Cantor



Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion - Tone 2



O man of purity, who could de - scribe your glo - ry? Man - y are the miracles

and heal - ings you per-form. Since you are a theo-lo-gian and the be-lov-ed of
 Christ, in - ter - cede with him for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

Prokeimenon of an apostle - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes-sage reach - es
 to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia of an Apostle - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):

Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.


Communion Hymn (Psalm 18:5):

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Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes-sage rea-ches

Refrain



to the ends of the earth. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!