

## The 13<sup>th</sup> Day of November

✙ Commemoration of our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.

### Small Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” 4 stichera, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”*

**W**ell didst thou emulate the abstinence of thy namesake, the Baptist, /  
And well didst thou imitate the great Elijah with thy purity and fasting. /  
Thou wast smitted by the zeal of both, O Chrysostom, John, ///  
And as a pastor of the Church of Christ /  
Thou didst boldly defend her against imperial power. (twice)

**T**hy divinely inspired words, O father, /  
Have gone out unto all the earth, as it is written, /  
And the proclamation of thy dogmatic teachings, /  
Hath illumined all the world; /  
And by exemplifying the Gospel of Christ by thy care for the poor ///  
Thou hast opened for us the doors of repentance.

**T**he pure and pristine light of thy soul /  
Like the sun, shining down on the world, /  
Dispels its gloomy darkness /  
With the rays of thy dogmatic teachings. /  
It illumines the universe with godly piety, ///  
O wise father John the “Golden-mouth.”

### Glory..., Tone 4:

**T**hou art the divinely inspired instrument /  
Through which the Holy Spirit sounds forth to us; /  
With thy magnificent voice, the sound of thy teachings has gone out to the ends of  
the earth. /  
And following in the steps of the apostles, O ven’rable one, /  
Thou didst join their assembly in heaven. /  
Beseech the Lord, O most blessed one, ///  
That He may grant peace to the world and save our souls.

### Now and ever..., Theotokion Tone 4:

**D**eliver us from every necessity, O Theotokos, /

Who gavest birth to the Creator of all, /  
That we may all cry out to thee: ///  
Rejoice, thou only defender of our souls.

**At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 2: *To the melody, "O House of Ephratha...."***

**T**hy voice, like a golden trumpet, /  
O father John, /  
Sounded forth to all the ends of the earth ///  
The mighty greatness of God.

**Verse:** My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**L**ike Moses thou didst receive the Law from the Lord /  
O father John, the Golden-mouth ///  
And didst illumine and enlighten the world with thy teachings.

**Verse:** Thy priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Thy saints shall rejoice!

**T**hou wast truly a preacher of the kingdom of God, /  
O our father John, /  
For thou didst cry out the golden words: ///  
"Repent, and abolish despair!"

**Glory..., in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**O** our father John, the Golden-mouth /  
Thou hast taught us to believe /  
In the single governing truth, ///  
Worshiping the Trinity: the Father, Word and Spirit!

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone: *(and melody)***

**O** Virgin Theotokos, /  
Entreat together with John the Golden-mouth /  
God the Word, who was born of thee, ///  
That He may save our souls.

**The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8:**

**G**race like a flame shining forth from thy mouth has illumined the universe /  
And disclosed to the world the treasures of poverty /  
And shown us the heights of humility. /

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And as thou didst instruct us by thy words, Father John the “Golden-mouth” ///  
Pray to the Word, Christ our God, that He may save our souls.

### **Now and ever..., Resurrection Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**T**hou wast born of a Virgin for our sake, O Good One /  
Thou didst endure crucifixion and didst destroy death by death. /  
As God thou didst reveal the Resurrection. /  
Despise not the work of Thy hands, but reveal Thy love for man, O Merciful One /  
Accept the prayers of Thy Mother, the Theotokos, for us ///  
And save Thy despairing people, O our Savior.

### **Great Vespers**

**After the Introductory Psalm, “Blessèd is the man...,” the first Kathisma.**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 8 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, “As one valiant among the martyrs....”***

**L**et us praise the trumpet made of gold /  
The instrument divinely inspired /  
The infinite breadth of dogmatic teaching /  
The very foundation of the Church /  
The heavenly mind, the depth of wisdom /  
The golden vessel pouring forth rivers of the sweetest teachings ///  
Quenching the thirst of all creation. (*thrice*)

**L**et us worthily honor John, of golden eloquence /  
The never waning star /  
That illumineth everything under the sun with the rays of his brilliant teachings /  
The preacher of repentance, /  
Who with a cloth woven from the purest gold /  
Wipeth away the sodden misery of despair ///  
Thus watering all hearts and washing away their sins. (*thrice*)

**L**et the great Chrysostom be rightly magnified /  
As the earthly angel and the heavenly man /  
A golden-voiced sparrow rich in song /  
A model of righteousness, a treasury of virtue /  
A stone unbreakable, an example of martyrdom ///  
An equal to the holy angels and a peer to the apostles. (*twice*)

### **Glory..., in Tone 6:**

O ven'erable, thrice-blessèd, most holy father John, /  
 Good pastor and disciple of the Chief Shepherd, Christ, /  
 Thou didst lay down thy life for thy sheep. /  
 Now, O all-praised John the Golden-mouth, ///  
 Entreat by thy prayers, that He may grant us great mercy.

**Now and ever...,**

**Dogmatic Theotokion, in Tone 6:**

Who will not bless thee, O Most Holy Virgin? /  
 Who will not sing of thy most pure child-bearing? /  
 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 in two natures. /  
 Entreat Him, O pure and all-blessèd Lady ///  
 To have mercy on our souls.

*Or Dogmatic Theotokion in the Tone of the Week if a Resurrection service.*

**The Entrance and the Prokeimenon of the day.**

**Three Readings:**

**The Reading from Proverbs (Composite 2, from Chapters 10 and 8):**

<sup>10:7</sup>**T**he memory of the just is blessed,  
 and <sup>6</sup>the blessing of the Lord is upon  
 the head of the righteous. <sup>13</sup>Blessed is  
 the man that hath found wisdom, and  
 the man that knoweth discernment.  
<sup>14</sup>For it is better to traffick in her than  
 in treasures of gold and silver. <sup>15</sup>She is  
 more precious than precious stones;  
 and nothing that is precious is equal to  
 her worth. <sup>16</sup>For length of days and  
 years of life are in her right hand, and  
 in her left hand are riches and glory;  
 out of her mouth proceedeth  
 righteousness, and on her tongue she  
 carrieth law and mercy. <sup>8:32</sup>Now  
 therefore hearken unto me, O my son,

for I will speak of solemn things.  
 Blessèd are they that keep my ways;  
<sup>35</sup>For mine outgoings are the outgoings  
 of life, and in them is prepared the  
 favor of the Lord. <sup>46</sup>Therefore, O men,  
 do I exhort you, and I lift up my voice  
 unto the sons of men. <sup>12</sup> For I, Wisdom,  
 have dwelt with counsel and have called  
 upon under-standing. <sup>14</sup>Counsel is mine  
 and safety; prudence is mine, strength  
 also is mine. <sup>17</sup>I love them that love me,  
 and those that seek me shall find grace.  
<sup>8:5</sup>O ye simple, understand subtlety, and  
 ye that are untaught, take heart.  
<sup>6</sup>Hearken unto me, for I will speak of  
 solemn things and bring forth that which

is right out of my lips. <sup>7</sup>For my throat shall speak truth, and false lips are an abomination in my sight. <sup>8</sup>All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; there is nothing contrary or perverse in

them. <sup>9</sup>They are all plain to them that understand and upright to them that find knowledge. I shall instruct you in truth, so that your hope will be in the Lord and you shall be filled with the Spirit.

**The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (A composite Proverbs 10; Wisdom of Solomon 6-9):**

Prov.10:31 **T**hus saith the Lord Almighty: The mouth of the righteous bringeth forth wisdom; the lips of the righteous drop grace. The mouth of the righteous bringeth forth wisdom, but righteousness delivereth them from death. If a righteous man dies, hope doth not die, for the son of the righteous is born to life, and in his own good things he acquireth the fruit of righteousness. There is always light for the righteous and they obtain grace and glory from the Lord. The tongue of the wise is a good sister-in-law, and in their hearts resteth wisdom. The Lord loveth the hearts of the holy, and acceptable to Him are all the undefiled in the way. The wisdom of the Lord illumineth the faces of the wise. For she takes hold of those desiring her by making herself first known to them. She is easily seen by those who love her. He who rises early to seek her shall have no difficulty, and those keeping vigil for the sake of her shall quickly be without sorrows. For she goeth about seeking those worthy of her, and graciously revealeth herself in the pathways. Against wisdom evil doth not prevail. Therefore I was a lover of her beauty; I loved her and sought her out from my youth. I desired to make her my bride, and even the Master of

all loved her. For she is an initiate in the knowledge of God, and a discoverer of His works. Her labors are virtues, for she teacheth temperance and prudence, justice, and courage; no things in life are more necessary for men than these. And if anyone desireth much knowledge, she knoweth the things of old, and beholdeth things to come; she understandeth turns of speech and the solution of riddles; she has foreknowledge of signs and wonders and the outcome of times and seasons. She is a mediator of good things for all, for immortality is in her, and glory in the company of her words. Therefore, <sup>8:21</sup>I prayed unto the Lord and besought Him and with my whole heart I said, <sup>9:1</sup>“O God of my fathers, and Lord of mercy, Who hast made all things with Thy word <sup>2</sup>and ordained man through Thy wisdom, that he should have dominion over the creatures which Thou hast made <sup>3</sup>and order the world according to equity and righteousness and execute judgment with an upright heart, <sup>4</sup>give me wisdom. <sup>5</sup>For I Thy servant and son of Thine handmaid <sup>10</sup>O send her out of Thy holy heavens and from the throne of Thy glory, that being present she may labor with me that I may know what is pleasing unto

Thee. And she shall guide me in understanding, and preserve me in her glory. For the thoughts of mortals are

miserable and their intentions likely to fail.

**The Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (Composite 5, from Chapters 4, 6, 7, 2):**

**W**hen the righteous is praised, the people rejoice: For his memory is everlasting, since it is known both by the Lord and by men for his soul was pleasing to the Lord. Therefore love wisdom, O men, and live. Desire her and be instructed: For her beginning is love and the keeping of her laws. Honor wisdom that you may reign forever. I will tell you and not hide the mysteries of God from you. For He is the preceptor of wisdom, the corrector of the wise and the master of all thoughts and deeds. Wisdom will teach with all understanding: For in her is a Spirit, intelligent and holy, the radiance of the everlasting light and the image of the grace of God. She fashions friends of God and prophets. For she is more beautiful than the sun and above all the order of the stars; being compared with light, she is found before it. She delivered from infirmities those pleasing her and guided them on the paths of righteousness. She gave to them understanding to be holy and to preserve them from those who would ensnare them, and she granted them strength in struggles, so that all might understand that the most powerful of all is piety, and that evil might not prevail against wisdom, nor judgment pass away without convicting the wicked. <sup>2:1</sup>For the ungodly said, reasoning with themselves, <sup>10</sup>Let us oppress the poor righteous man, let us not spare the widow nor reverence

the ancient gray hairs of the aged. <sup>11</sup>Let our strength be the law of justice, for that which is feeble is found to be nothing of worth. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let us lie in wait for the righteous, because he is not for our turn, and he is clean contrary to our doings; he upbraideth us with our sins against the law and ascribeth to us sins against our education. <sup>13</sup>He professeth to have the knowledge of God, and he calleth himself the child of the Lord. <sup>14</sup>He was made to reprove our thoughts. <sup>15</sup>He is grievous unto us even to behold, for his life is not like other men's; his ways are of another fashion. <sup>16</sup>We are esteemed of him as counterfeits; he abstaineth from our ways as from filthiness; he pronounceth the end of the just to be blessed, and maketh his boast that God is his Father. <sup>17</sup>Let us see if his words be true, and let us prove what shall happen in the end of him. <sup>19</sup>Let us examine him with despitefulness and torture, that we may know his meekness, and prove his patience. <sup>20</sup>Let us condemn him with a shameful death; for according to his words, he shall be regarded." <sup>21</sup>Such things they did imagine, and were deceived, for their own wickedness hath blinded them. <sup>22</sup>As for the mysteries of God, they knew them not, neither hoped they for the wages of righteousness," nor did they discern that Thou alone art God, having the power of life and death: who savest in times of affliction and

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deliverest from every evil; who art      Grace to His venerable ones, and  
compassionate and merciful, granting      opposing the proud with His arm.

**At the Litya, one sticheron of the temple and these two stikhera, in Tone 1: (by Anatolius)**

**O** luminary John, of golden eloquence, /  
Repository of divine virtue, /  
Receptacle of the sacred mysteries, /  
Thou art the pure and incorrupt treasury of the Spirit /  
From whom thou hast brought joy to all the Church /  
By the grace of thy saluyific teachings. /  
Therefore, having great boldness before God amidst the joys of heavenly delight ///  
Pray to Him for us, O holy father.

**Grace** was poured out on thy lips, O venerable father John. /  
Thus God appointed thee as a high priest for His people /  
To shepherd His flock in holiness and righteousness. /  
Therefore, arming thyself with the sword of power /  
Thou didst cut down the blasphemies of heresy. /  
Cease not to pray to God for us, O John the Golden-mouth: ///  
That He may grant peace to the world, and that our souls may be saved.

**And this sticheron, in Tone 2: (by the Studite)**

**We** praise thee with love as our great high-priest and pastor, /  
A preacher of repentance and the golden instrument of grace, /  
And we entreat thee: grant us thy prayers, O father, ///  
For the salvation of our souls.

**And these stikhera, in the same Tone: (by George of Nikomedia)**

**Like** a bride adorned with gold and jewels /  
The Church joyfully cries out to thee, O father John, /  
“I am filled with delight from thy words, radiant with gold, like honey; /  
And by them I am brought from acts to contemplation; /  
I am united to Christ the mystical Bridegroom and I reign with Him.” /  
Thus we all gather in thy memory and we sing to thee: ///  
Cease not to intercede before the Lord for us that our souls may be saved.

**Thou** didst attain the highest philosophy, /  
And didst transcend the world,  
Living above all earthly things, thou wast a pure reflection of God; /

And receiving the Light, thou didst unite to the Light at thy most glorious end. ///  
Pray now to Christ, O Chrysostom, for the salvation of our souls.

**And this stikheron, in Tone 4:**

**T**hy words of golden luster, /  
Have bathed the whole world, O blessed one. /  
And after adorning it with the splendor of thy golden teachings; /  
And having gilded all things and written books with golden letters /  
Thou didst take flight to heaven. /  
Therefore we cry out to thee, O Chrysostom, thou wellspring of gold, ///  
Intercede before Christ God that He may save our souls.

**Glory..., in the same Tone: (by Germanus)**

**I**t was fitting for the King of Cities /  
To have John as its hierarch, /  
As its royal adornment, its golden clarion trumpet, /  
Proclaiming his salvific teachings to the ends of the earth; /  
Moving all to fervently sing hymns of divine praise. /  
Therefore, we all cry out to him, O thou Golden-mouth of golden words, ///  
Intercede before Christ God that He may save our souls.

**Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**We** have acquired thee, O most pure Mother of God, /  
As a wall of refuge, a tranquil haven, and strength in afflictions; /  
And we pray to thee from amidst the storms of this life; ///  
Guide us so that we may be saved!

**At the Aposticha, these stichera, in Tone 5: To the melody, "Rejoice..."**

**Rejoice**, O divinely-inspired and golden instrument of the Church, /  
O golden mouth that lovingly describes to us the ways of repentance; /  
**Rejoice**, O golden-lipped swallow with a mind of gold, /  
Whose wings are tipped, according to the Psalms, with the gold of virtues; /  
**Rejoice**, O river of gold sparkling with flashes of golden light, /  
Serving as proof of God's love for mankind! ///  
Beseech Christ to grant our souls great mercy!

**Verse:** My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**Rejoice**, O father to orphans, /  
Swift helper of the oppressed, the provider for the poor; /

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Rejoice, O drink for the thirsting, and the amendment of life for us sinners, /  
Thou good and God-pleasing physician of our souls; /  
Rejoice, great teacher of theology, relaying to us the words of the Spirit: /  
The true law and active rule where contemplation and action come together! ///  
Beseech Christ to grant our souls great mercy!

**Verse:** The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment.

**Rejoice**, the Church cries out to thee O Chrysostom, /  
For the rays of thy golden virtues have shone brighter than the sun; /  
Rejoice, for thou art wiser than the wisest philosopher, and thy words are pearls of truth; /  
Rejoice, O champ'ion of true doctrines, denouncer of lies, and teacher of repentance; /  
Rejoice, thou treasury of knowledge, most serene, /  
Which according to the great Paul, followed after Christ with mouth and mind, ///  
Beseech Him now to grant our souls great mercy!

### **Glory..., in Tone 6:**

**T**hou didst reveal thyself as a trumpet made of gold /  
O Golden-mouth of golden words, /  
Gilding the hearts of the faithful with thy golden teachings; /  
And as the prophet foretold: The proclamation of thy teachings has gone forth, O ven'erable father, ///  
And thou hast enlightened all the ends of the world.

### **Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**M**y maker and redeemer Christ the Lord, /  
Was born of thee, O most pure Virgin; /  
By accepting my nature He freed Adam from the ancestral curse. /  
Therefore, we magnify thee unceasingly as the Mother of God. /  
Rejoice, O joy of heaven! ///  
Rejoice, O protection, intercession and salvation of our souls.

### **After the blessing of the loaves, the Troparion of the saint, in Tone 8:**

**G**race like a flame shining forth from thy mouth has illumined the universe /  
And disclosed to the world the treasures of poverty /  
And shown us the heights of humility. /  
And as thou didst instruct us by thy words, Father John the "Golden-mouth" ///

Pray to the Word, Christ our God, that He may save our souls. *(twice)*

**And the Theotokion:** “Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos....” *(once)*

**Note:** *If Vigil is **not served**, then: the Troparion of the saint (once), Glory..., now and ever..., and the Resurrection Theotokion, in the same Tone:*

Thou wast born of a Virgin for our sake, O Good One, /  
 Thou didst endure crucifixion and didst destroy death by death. /  
 As God thou didst reveal the Resurrection. /  
 Despise not the work of Thy hands, but reveal Thy love for man, O Merciful  
 One /  
 Accept the prayers of Thy Mother, the Theotokos, for us ///  
 And save Thy despairing people, O our Savior.

### Matins

**At “God is the Lord...” the Troparion of the Saint, twice;** Glory..., now and ever..., **Resurrection Theotokion, in Tone 8:** Thou wast born of a Virgin for our sake, O Good One.... *(see above)*

**After the 1<sup>st</sup> Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 2:**

Thou didst shine up on the earthborn like a golden star /  
 O blessed John, the Golden-mouth, /  
 And thou didst brightly illumine the ends of the earth with the rays of thy words. /  
 Therefore, we celebrate thine all-holy memory this day, ///  
 And beg for the remission of all our sins. *(twice)*

**Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

O pure unwedded Mother of God, /  
 The only protectress and defender of the faithful, /  
 Who delivers from misfortune, sorrow and danger /  
 All who put their trust in thee. ///  
 By thy divine supplications, O Maiden, save our souls!

**After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathisma, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 5: To the melody: “The co-unoriginate Word...”**

Come, all ye faithful, /  
 And let us honor John of the Golden-mouth, /  
 The flowering meadow of teaching on the Scriptures divinely-inspired, /  
 Who guided mankind to repentance, enduring many trials. /

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Let us honor him in that we have been taught by him, ///  
That he may entreat God to save our souls. *(twice)*

### **Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

**T**ruly awesome is the wonder of thy conceiving /  
And past words or understanding is the manner of thy giving birth, O Theotokos, /  
My mind marvels and my thoughts are full of pious fear; /  
And thy glory, O Mother of God, ///  
Is proclaimed to all for the salvation of our souls.

### **Polyeley and Magnification:**

**W**e magnify thee, O holy hierarch father John Chrysostom, and we honor thy holy memory, for thou dost pray to Christ our God for us!

### *Selected Psalm verses:*

**H**ear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!  
**M**y mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

### **After the Polyeley, the Sessional Hymn, in Tone 8: *To the melody, "Of Wisdom...."***

**T**hy divine words revealed thee as a true spiritual treasury for the world, /  
O blessèd John Chrysostom, /  
For thou didst shine forth to the ends of the earth, /  
Guiding the people to repentance. /  
And bestowing the riches of salvation to all, /  
And having completed thy course of thy life /  
Thou standest now before the throne of God Most High. /  
O ever-memorable John the Golden-mouth, ///  
Entreat Christ God that he grant remission of sins to those who celebrate  
with love thy holy memory. *(twice)*

### **Glory..., now and ever..., Theotokion:**

**L**et us praise the gate of heaven, the ark and the mountain of God; /  
The radiant cloud and the bush unconsumed by fire; /  
The spiritual paradise and the release of Eve; /  
The great vessel containing the entire universe, /  
For in her hath been wrought the salvation of the world /  
And the remission of our ancient sins. /  
Therefore let us cry out to her: /

Pray to Christ God that He grant remission of all transgressions ///  
To us who piously worship Him Who was born of thee.

**1<sup>st</sup> Antiphon of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone (The Song of Ascents),** “From my youth....”

**Prokeimenon, in Tone 4:**

**H**ear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth! *Verse:* My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**L**et every breath...

**Gospel:** (35) John 10:1-9

**After Psalm 50 (51), the Post-Gospel sticheron, to the Saint, in Tone 6:**

**G**race filled thy lips, O ven’rable father John; /  
And thou didst become a true pastor of the Church of Christ, /  
Teaching the rational sheep of thy flock ///  
To believe in the consubstantial Trinity in One Godhead.

### **The Canon**

**The Supplicatory Canon to the Mother of God (*Paraklesis*) with 6 troparia, including the Irmos; and the Canon of the St. John Chrysostom, with 8 Troparia.**

### **Ode 1**

#### **The Canon of the Saint, in Tone 8**

*having the acrostic: “I hymn thee, the golden mouth of the Spirit,”  
the composition of Theophanes.*

*Irmos: The staff of Moses performed miracles, striking the sea like the Cross, submerging Pharaoh with his chariots, saving the Israelites in their flight as they sang a song of victory.*

**Refrain:** Holy hierarch father John, pray to God for us!

**A**s a most fervent preacher of repentance, O father John Chrysostom, pray to God that that through thy sufferings I may be able to repent with all my heart and that all my transgressions may be healed.

**R**eceiving the fiery grace of the Holy Spirit, O father, thou didst go forth and reveal thyself as a pillar of light guiding the Church and a luminous cloud sheltering its Councils.

**G**lory...,

**O**rdained a teacher by Christ, with thy divinely-inspired mind and thy golden tongue didst thou abundantly pour forth the divine doctrines. Thy words were truly like a river flowing from God, full of the waters of the Spirit, O holy hierarch John.

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Now and ever..., Amen.

*Theotokion:* Adorning thyself with the virtues of grace, O divinely- joyful and blessed one, thou gavest birth to the Word of the Father, who in His compassion and in a manner past all telling and understanding, took flesh, while thou didst remain a Virgin, blameless and pure.

*Katavasia:* I shall open my mouth ....

### Ode 3

*Irmos:* Thou didst establish the heavens in wisdom; Thou didst set the earth upon the waters. Now establish me on the rock of Thy commandments. None is as holy as Thou, O Lover of man.

Enriching thyself with the mind of Christ through the purity of thy life, O Chrysostom, thou didst become a helper and an instructor of all, teaching them of their salvation through thine inspired and saving words and salvific deeds.

Having acquired the eternal riches of the Spirit, and having drawn from the ever-flowing stream of teachings from the well-spring of salvation, thou didst quench the thirst of the entire Church, O our venerable father John.

Wisely using thine eloquence like a plough, thou didst clear the thorns from our souls, and water them with heavenly dew making them to bear fruit, O God-pleasing Chrysostom.

*Theotokion:* In thee there is no blemish for thou art pure, O Virgin. Thou art the abode of all heavenly virtues, for Holiest of Holies came to dwell in thee Himself.

*Katavasia.*

**The Sessional Hymn, in Tone 8:** *To the melody, "Of Wisdom...."*

Having drawn from the wealth of ineffable and divine wisdom /  
Thou didst collect the refreshing waters of Orthodoxy /  
Bringing joy to all the faithful /  
But drowning instead, the teachings of heresy. /  
Thus through thy pious labors, O John the Golden-mouth /  
Thou wast shown to be a champ'ion of the Trinity. ///  
Entreat Christ God that he grant remission of sins to those who celebrate  
with love thy holy memory.

**Glory..., in the same Tone:** *(and melody)*

Coming to know the wisdom from on high /  
And the grace of the words of God, /

Thou didst glow like gold in the furnace; /  
 Thou didst preach the Holy Trinity as One in Unity, /  
 Shooting down the pride of avarice with the arrows of thy words. /  
 And having reproved the Empress thou didst shame the heresy of Arius. /  
 O John the Golden-mouth ///  
 Entreat Christ God that he grant remission of sins to those who celebrate  
 with love thy holy memory.

### **Now and ever..., Theotokion:**

**P**ondering the burning flames of Gehenna /  
 And the bitter cries and weeping there, /  
 The sad separation from the joy and inheritance of the saints, /  
 Tremble with fear and sighing, O my soul, /  
 Hasten to wipe away the record of thy many sins /  
 With thy tears of compunction, /  
 Having the pure Mother of God as thine unwavering companion. /  
 For the remission of sins is granted for her sake ///  
 To those, who in an Orthodox manner, glorify her as the Mother of God.

### **Ode 4**

***Irmos:** Thou art my strength, O Lord, my God, my power, my joy; without leaving Thy Father's bosom Thou hast visited our wretchedness. So with the prophet Habakkuk I cry to Thee: Glory to Thy power, O Lover of man!*

**C**hrist, in His goodness and His providence for all, hath given us thee, O most blessed John Chrysostom, as another equal-to-the-apostles, preacher of the heavenly teachings, and servant of the divine mysteries.

**L**et us honor John of golden words and eloquence, who by the golden radiance of his teachings hath illumined the whole world by the shining brilliance of his tongue pouring forth the grace of God.

**T**hou wast wholly the habitation of God, and thou wast wholly the instrument of the Spirit, resounding with the divinely-inspired melody of the virtues, revealing the cause of our salvation and the beauty of the heavenly kingdom, O most blessed John Chrysostom.

**T**hou didst proclaim the mercy and compassion of God while revealing to us the way to repentance instructing us how to avoid the temptations of evil, O most blessed, and most perfect, and most honored father John Chrysostom, ever pouring forth for us thy most excellent teachings.

***Theotokion:** After God, we have acquired thee as our intercessor, for thou art the*

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Mother of God the Creator and Fashioner of all, who took upon Himself our form, saved it from corruption and death, and hath glorified it with divine glory, O Lady most pure.

### Ode 5

*Irmos:* Why hast Thou cast me away from Thy face, O never setting Light? Why has this dismal darkness covered me, the wretched one? Guide me in return to the light of Thy commandments, I pray Thee.

**We** all know thee to be the most radiant beacon of the Church, saving men's souls from the jaws of death and guiding them to life everlasting, O most lauded father.

**P**rotected by the armor of faith and strengthened by courage of thy soul, thou didst defeat the army of the heretics, O holy father, gathering with joy the assembly of the Orthodox faithful and uniting them by the bond of the Spirit.

**T**hy mouth was like a vial filled with the fragrance of God, and thy lips brought joy to the whole world with the beauty of thy eloquence and the sweet bouquet of thy words, O wise father John.

*Theotokion:* **A**ll generations call thee blessed, O pure Virgin, and the bodiless ranks of angels glorify thee as Mother of God, for thou didst conceive and gavest birth to God, the Creation and Fashioner of all, and Lord.

### Ode 6

*Irmos:* Cleanse me, O my Savior; for great are my transgressions; Lead me from the abyss of sin, I pray, and I cry to Thee: Hear me, O God of my salvation!

**T**hou didst freely distribute thy words of spiritual wisdom and didst enrich the whole world; for the riches of heavenly grace poured forth from thy lips, O hierarch John.

**T**hy proclamation hath gone out into all the earth like thunder and the power of thy words hath resounded across the universe like a joyful trumpet.

**C**lothed in a robe of virtues woven in heaven, and arrayed with the splendor of thy words, thou wast revealed to be the glorious confirmation of the Truth.

*Theotokion:* **H**e who loveth mankind, who sustaineth all things by His almighty power, assumed the weakness of our flesh when He was born of thee, O all-pure Virgin, for the benefit of all mankind.

*Katavasia.*

**The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 6:**

**F**rom heaven thou didst receive the grace of God, /

Teaching us by thy words to worship the One God in Trinity /  
We worthily praise thee, O Blessèd John Chrysostom, well pleasing to God, ///  
For thou art a teacher revealing things divine.

***Ikos:*** I bend my knees before the Creator of all and I stretch out my hands to the pre-eternal Word, in search of the eloquence to sing the praises of the saint whom He Himself hath magnified: for He who liveth forever said through His prophet: “I glorify those who glorify Me with faith.” He who in ancient times raised up Samuel hath now glorified the hierarch John, for, having multiplied the talent entrusted to him, he returned it to the King. Thus the King Most High hath exalted him! I beg that the Word may grant me the grace, unworthy as I am, to piously sing hymns of praise of him; for he is the teacher of the universe, revealing all the works of God.

### Ode 7

***Irmos:*** *Long ago in Babylon, the children of Judæa by their faith in the Trinity trod down the flames of the furnace, singing: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!*

**P**robing the depths of goodness and compassion, thy words were revealed as a pledge of salvation to those who fervently repent and cry to the Lord with all their soul: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

**E**very though is set aright by thy teachings, O father Chrysostom, and the illnesses of souls are healed by thy compassion; and with the strong thou dost joyfully sing: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

**T**hou hast been exalted as a chosen priest of the Most High, holy, guileless, and splendidly arrayed in righteousness, and thou dost joyfully cry out: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

***Theotokion:*** **O** all pure Lady, thou didst conceive Him who is God and Lord over all, whose good pleasure it was to save the human race from corruption and death; and it is to Him that we sing and cry aloud: Blessèd art Thou, O God of our fathers!

### Ode 8

***Irmos:*** *The Chaldean torturer became enraged; he ordered the furnace to be heated seven-fold; but seeing the godly youths saved by a great might, he sang to the Creator and Redeemer: Bless Him, O you children, praise Him, O ye priests, exalt Him, O ye people, throughout all ages.*

**W**isely meditating on thy discourses, O Chrysostom, we learn what is precious in theology; we harvest as fruit the blessings of the virtues and escape the harm of evil. For thou showest us the way to salvation as thou dost sing and exalt Christ throughout all ages!

**H**aving great boldness before the Lord and in thy merciful compassion, entreat

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thou Him on our behalf; for we, the faithful, have thee as our fervent mediator and intercessor before Him, O wise hierarch father John.

**R**eproving the rebelliousness of the young, the intransigence of the old, and the injustice of those who rule, thou didst ever intercede for the oppressed, and in thy loving conduct thou wast a father to the orphaned, and to the widowed, and to the poor, while singing and exalting Christ throughout all ages!

***Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Lord!***

***Theotokion:*** **O** Virgin! The divine prophets foretold in various symbols, signs, and images thy wondrous childbearing surpassing all nature. Thus, with reverent piety and joy we sing to thee and exalt Christ throughout all ages!

***We praise, bless, and worship the Lord, singing and exalting Him throughout all ages.***

***Katavasia.***

### Ode 9

***Irmos:*** *The heavens were filled with fear, the ends of the earth were filled with awe, for God revealed Himself in the flesh to men; and thy womb became more spacious than the heavens, so the leaders of men and angels magnify thee, O Theotokos!*

**H**aving excelled by thine angelic life and having received from Christ the gift of eloquent speech while here on earth, thou dost now delighting in the life for which thou didst struggle with all thy strength, O father. Entreat the Lord that those who, with faith, truly bless thee may be saved.

**T**hy words are words of life, O thrice-blessèd one, bringing life everlasting; for Christ hath shown thee to be an ever-flowing spring, a river pouring forth divine teachings, a fountain of delight, a true stream of sweetness, and a true preacher of repentance.

**T**hou hast been revealed as a most splendid mediator between God and man. Thou art a radiant star of piety shining with the divine light of grace and understanding, ever teaching us to give alms to the poor. Therefore, O Chrysostom, with heartfelt love, we worthily magnify thee.

***Theotokion:*** **O** pure and all-glorious Mother of God, save those who sing to thee with love, and mercifully silence the noise of temptations; for having given birth to God, thou canst accomplish all that thou dost will. Therefore, we all magnify thee!

***Katavasia.***

**The Exapostilarion of the Saint:**

**T**hy words, more brilliant than gold, have made the Church of Christ shine with

joy, O father Chrysostom, and the souls of the faithful are gladdened, honoring thy most holy memory, for thou hast been revealed to all mankind as a teacher of repentance and a guide to salvation.

**G**lory...,

Let us all praise our most wise hierarch, father John, the clarion-voiced preacher of repentance, the treasury of riches for the poor, the golden and eloquent mouth of the Church, and the teacher of the Scriptures, in whom we have found our confirmation.

**N**ow and ever.... Amen.

O most pure Virgin, Lady and Queen, together with the glorious John Chrysostom, entreat thy Son that all who sing thy praises maybe delivered from all dangers and necessities, and may receive everlasting joy, for thou canst accomplish all that thou dost will.

**At the Praises, 4 stichera, in Tone 4: *To the melody, "Thou hast given a sign...."***

**T**hou wast a most precious vessel of the Holy Spirit, /  
 A most holy pastor, /  
 An angel on the earth, a pillar of the Church /  
 A breadth of dogmatic teachings, /  
 A surety for sinners, and the divine consolation of the penitent, /  
 Who took thought for the poor and didst comfort the orphaned, ///  
 O John Chrysostom, intercessor for our souls.

**T**hou wast a sun of great brilliance /  
 Illumining the whole world with the light of thy words, /  
 A steadfast beacon, a star shimmering brilliantly /  
 Guiding those tossed by the tempestuous sea of life /  
 To the most tranquil haven /  
 By thy golden words and the grace of salvation, /  
 O John Chrysostom, intercessor for our souls.

**T**hou wast truly an angel on the earth /  
 And a man of heaven, /  
 A golden-voiced sparrow rich in song, /  
 A river flowing with the sweetest teachings, /  
 A cloud billowing with wisdom /  
 Showering us with the waters of understanding, ///  
 O John Chrysostom, our aid in repentance and teacher of salvation.

**U**njustly driven from thy flock, O ven'erable father, /

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Thou didst partake of thy share of tribulations /  
And bitter imprisonment, /  
But vanquishing the enemy thou wast granted a blessed end, /  
And as a victorious martyr /  
Thou didst received thy crown of victory from Christ, ///  
O John Chrysostom, intercessor for our souls.

### **Glory..., Tone 8: (by Anatolius)**

Having adorned the Church of God with thy golden words /  
And thy teaching eloquent and divine, /  
Thou didst bequeath them, thy spiritual treasures to her. /  
Therefore, weaving a garland of hymns for thee as with blossoms that never fade /  
The Church offers it to thy sacred memory, /  
O John, wise in God, with a golden tongue and soul, ///  
Boldly pray to God, O venerable one, for the salvation of our souls.

### **Now and ever..., Theotokion, in the same Tone:**

Acept, O Sovereign Lady /  
The prayers of us, thy servants, ///  
And deliver us from every danger and necessity.

### **The Great Doxology; the Troparion of the Saint; the usual litanies and the Dismissal.**

#### **Liturgy**

**At the Beatitudes, 8 Troparia: 4 from the third Ode and 4 from the sixth Ode of the Canon of the Saint.**

**1.-2.** Enriching thyself with the mind of Christ through the purity of thy life, O Chrysostom, thou didst become a helper and an instructor of all, teaching them of their salvation through thine inspired and saving words and salvific deeds.

**3.** **H**aving acquired the eternal riches of the Spirit, and having drawn from the ever-flowing stream of teachings from the well-spring of salvation, thou didst quench the thirst of the entire Church, O our venerable father John.

**4.** **W**isely using thine eloquence like a plough, thou didst clear the thorns from our souls, and water them with heavenly dew making them to bear fruit, O God-pleasing Chrysostom.

**5.** **T**hou didst freely distribute thy words of spiritual wisdom and didst enrich the whole world; for the riches of heavenly grace poured forth from thy lips, O

hierarch John.

**6.** Thy proclamation hath gone out into all the earth like thunder and the power of thy words hath resounded across the universe like a joyful trumpet.

**7.** Clothed in a robe of virtues woven in heaven, and arrayed with the splendor of thy words, thou wast revealed to be the glorious confirmation of the Truth.

**8. Theotokion:** He who loveth mankind, who sustaineth all things by His almighty power, assumed the weakness of our flesh when He was born of thee, O all-pure Virgin, for the benefit of all mankind.

**The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 8:**

Grace like a flame shining forth from thy mouth has illumined the universe /  
And disclosed to the world the treasures of poverty /  
And shown us the heights of humility. /  
And as thou didst instruct us by thy words, Father John the “Golden-mouth” ///  
Pray to the Word, Christ our God, that He may save our souls.

**The Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 6:**

From heaven thou didst receive the grace of God, /  
Teaching us by thy words to worship the One God in Trinity /  
We worthily praise thee, O Blessèd John Chrysostom, well pleasing to God, ///  
For thou art a teacher revealing things divine.

**The Prokeimenon, in Tone 1:** My mouth shall speak wisdom / and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *Verse:* Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth!

**The Epistle:** (318) Hebrews 7:26-8:2

**The Alleluia, in Tone 2:** The mouth of the righteous shall meditate wisdom and his tongue shall speak of judgment. *Verse:* The Law of God is in his heart and his steps shall not falter.

**The Gospel:** (36) John 10:9-16

**Communion Hymn:** The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings. Alleluia....