Apr 18 Venerable Father John, disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis.

## **TROPARION - Tone 8** (General - none given in the Menaion)

The image of God was truly preserved in thee, O <u>fa</u>ther, /

For thou didst take up thy cross and <u>fo</u>llow Christ /

By so doing thou didst teach us to disregard the flesh, for

it <u>passes</u> away /

But to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal ///

Therefore thy spirit, O ven'rable John, rejoices with

## KONTAKION - Tone 4

the angels.

Adorning 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-blessed father, /
Thou didst attain the everlasting joy /
And the eternal life that is with God. ///
Entreat thou Him, that we may be saved.