

**Vespers Propers, December 4, 2011**  
**Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The holy great martyr Barbara** who, it is said, was a virgin and martyr of Nicomedia. (306)

**Our venerable father John of Damascus**, a priest celebrated for his holiness and learning, He strove diligently by his word and writings in favor of the veneration of Holy Images against the Emperor Leo III, the Isaurian. Having been made a monk in the monastery of St. Sabbas near Jerusalem, he composed sacred hymns and there reposed in the Lord. His body was buried on this day. (749)

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-7. Then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the holy great martyr Barbara - Tone 2 samohlasen**

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When bless - ed Juliana looked over the fright - ful a - re - na, and saw  
the glo - rious martyr Bar - ba - ra scourged by the whip, her bod - y  
all cov - ered with var - ied wounds, she cried out with fer - vent tears:  
O lov - ing God! O Word of God! make me wor - thy now to share the  
lot of the faith - ful sheep.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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Ho - ly Bar - bara and Ju - li - a - na u - ni - ted in their de - sire to  
keep the faith, en - tered in - to com - bat with the En - e - my. They  
gained vic - to - ry o - ver him, re - ceiv - ing glo - ry in the pres - ence of  
Christ our God. Now they take a - way the scourge of ill - ness - es,  
pro - vid - ing a swift heal - ing for all the faith - ful.

**Cantor:** Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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As a wel - come death ap - proached you, O ven - 'ra - ble mar - tyr Bar - ba - ra,  
you were eag - er to complete your course with joy. The wick - ed hands of  
your im - pi - ous fa - ther slew you, and you were pre - sented like an

offering of first-fruits on the al - tar of God. Hence-forth, u - nit - ed  
to the choir of the tru-ly wise vir - gins, you con - template the splen - dor  
of Christ the Bride - groom.

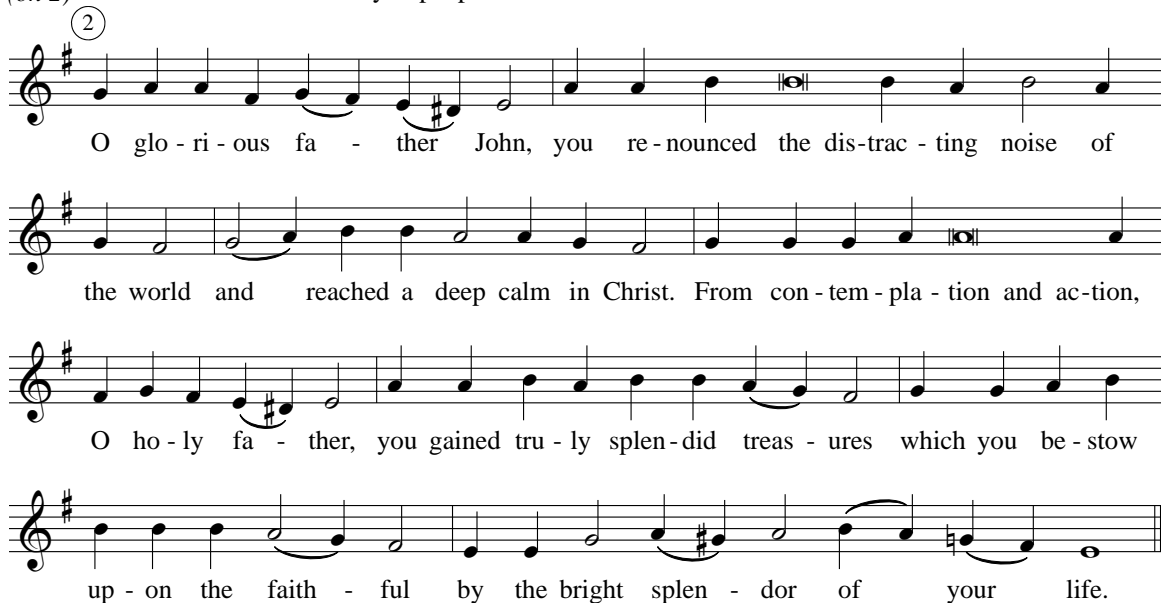
**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

**Stichera of our venerable father John of Damascus - Tone 8 samohlasen**

In a won-drous way, O wise fa-ther John, you have bright - ened the Church of  
Christ with your songs, which speak of the things of God. You are another  
David, striking the harp of the Spir - - - it, at - trac - ting all to God  
with your sweet mu - sic.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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O glo - ri - ous fa - ther John, you re - nounced the dis - trac - ting noise of  
the world and reached a deep calm in Christ. From con - tem - pla - tion and ac - tion,  
O ho - ly fa - ther, you gained tru - ly splen - did treas - ures which you be - stow  
up - on the faith - ful by the bright splen - dor of your life.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
(on 1) he is faithful forever.

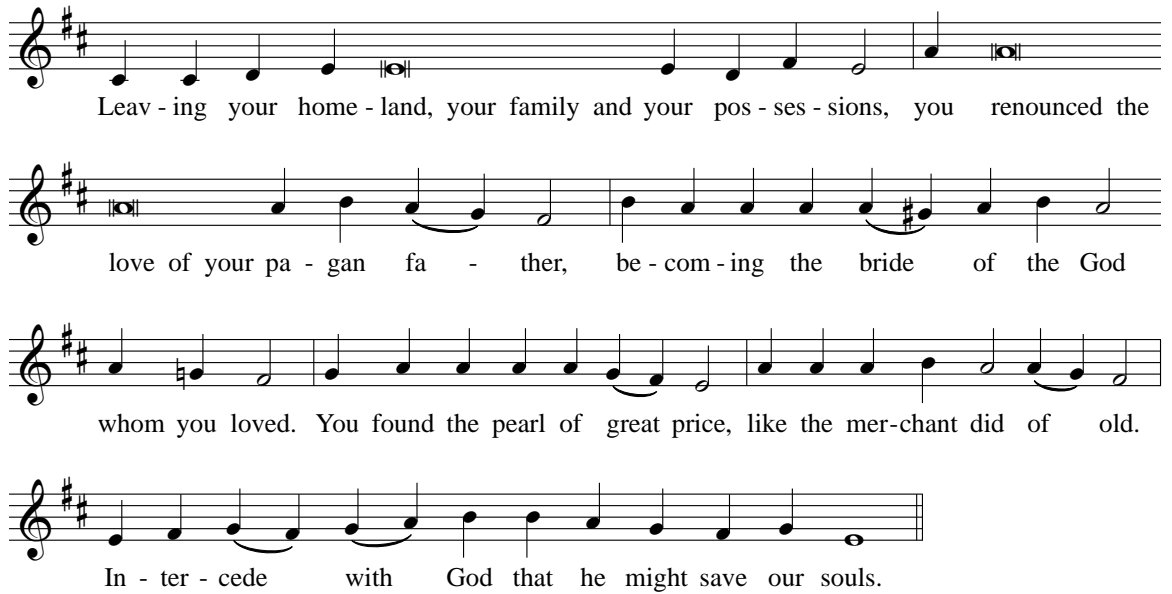
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Come, O faith - ful, let us cel - e - brate the feast of our ho - ly father John with  
fer - vent hymns, for he re - flects to us the brilliance of the light of God.  
O Lord, how great is your good - ness and kind - ness, re - flected in your  
saints, through which we come to glo - ri - fy you.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon of the holy great martyr Barbara - Tone 6**



Leav - ing your home - land, your family and your pos - ses - sions, you renounced the  
love of your pa - gan fa - ther, be - com - ing the bride of the God  
whom you loved. You found the pearl of great price, like the mer - chant did of old.  
In - ter - cede with God that he might save our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 64)*

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 65), concluding with*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Aposticha doxastikon of our venerable father John of Damascus - Tone 6 samohlasen**

Ho - ly fa - ther John, the whole world acknowledges your just la - bors.

By them, you have received the recompense of your la-bors in heav - en.

You de-stroyed the hosts of de - mons and joined the choirs of an - gels

whom you had imitated by your pure life. In the bold - ness which you pos-sess

be - fore Christ our God, ask peace for our souls.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...

*Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 6, p. 90).*

*Troparion and theotokion in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 68).*