Our venerable father John Damascene

DECEMBER 4

1. O Love of God, who for our sake our nature here did take,
2. Proclaim-er of the icon’s role to testify the goal
3. To you, O Fa-ther, source and end, to Christ, both Lord and friend,

We give you high-est praise to-day; For John our thanks we pay.
That Christ, true God, became true man, fulfilling thus God’s plan.
To you, O Spi-rit, grace’s spring, O God, our praise we bring.

De-fen-der of the Faith was he, called preacher, sage to be
A sing-er of the Tri-ni-ty was John, whose hymns will be
From choirs of an-gels ranked on high, and saints, there comes this cry:

Sum-ma-tion of the Fathers’ lore, that we be, as be-fore.
A bed-rock of the Church’s song, with truth to fight the wrong.
To God, the e-ver One-in-Three, our song shall e- ver be!

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