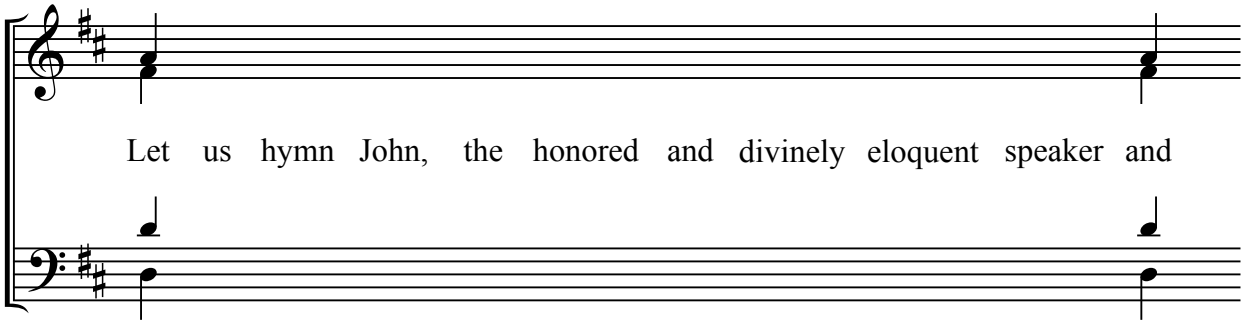


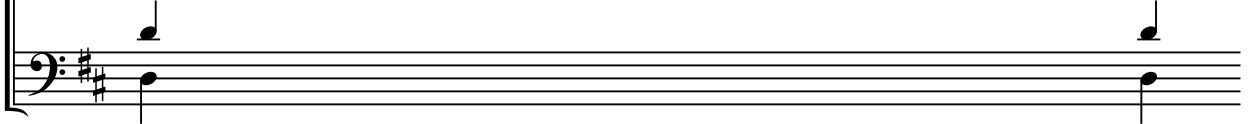
**December 4: St. John of Damascus**  
**Kontakion, Tone 4**  
**Special Melody "Thou who wast lifted up"**  
**Kiev Caves Lavra**

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Let us hymn John, the honored and divinely eloquent speaker and

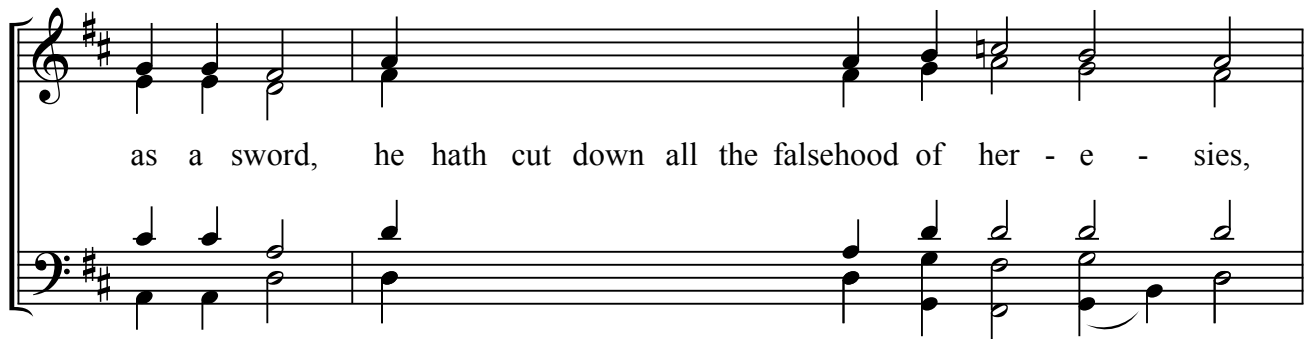
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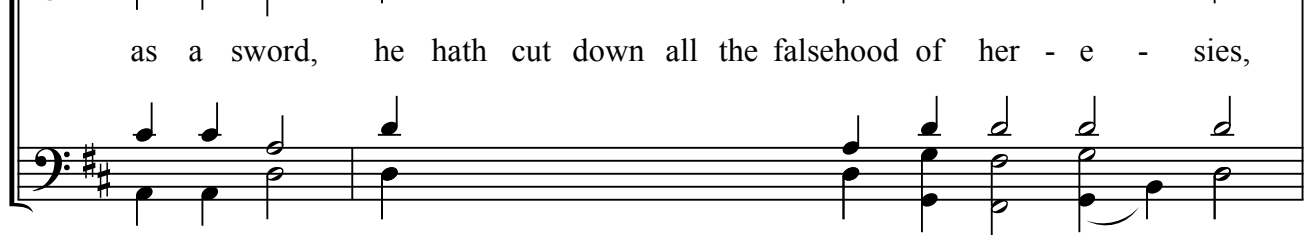
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the opponent of the en - e - my; for tak - ing up the Cross of the Lord



as a sword, he hath cut down all the falsehood of her - e - sies,



and as a fer - vent intercessor before God he bestoweth forgiveness of

trans - gres - sions un - - - to all.

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St. John of Kronstadt Press, ©1996. The entire service text may be purchased through: [sjkp.org](http://sjkp.org)

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