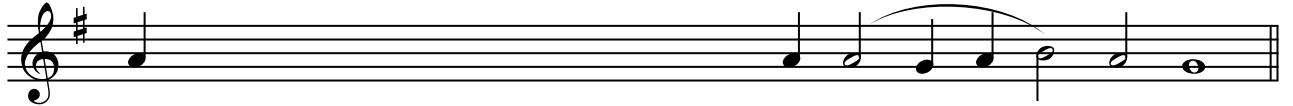


**4th Sunday: St. John of the Ladder**  
**Stichera on "Lord I have cried"**  
**Tone 8, Special Melody "O Most Glorious Wonder..."**  
**Optina Hermitage Chant**

3)\* *Reader:* In the 8th Tone, Special Melody "O most glorious wonder"  
 For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption;



And He shall redeem Israel out of all His in - i - - - qui - ties.



+ O ho - ly fa - ther John, truly hast thou ev - er car - - - ried



on thy lips the prais - es of the Lord, and with great wis - - - dom



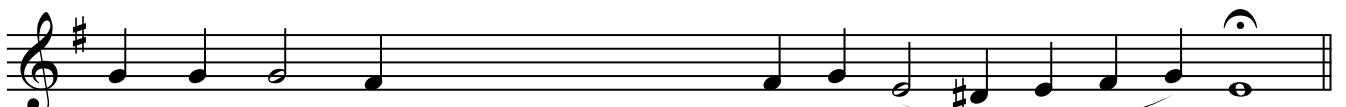
hast thou stud - ied the words of Holy Scrip - ture



that teach us how to practise the as - cet - ic life. so hast thou gained the



rich - es of grace, and thou hast be - come bless - - - ed,



o - ver - throw - ing all the purposes of the un - god - - - ly.

\* Given here according to the Slavonic Triodion which indicates 3 stichera of the Saint, however, "The Lenten Triodion", by Mother Mary, Monastery of the Veil, indicates 4 stichera of the Saint following the Greek Triodion. See additional Psalm verse at end.

2) *Reader*: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;



Praise Him all ye peo\_\_\_\_\_ples.



+ Most glo - ri - ous fa - ther John, with the fountain of thy tears



thou hast cleansed thy soul, and by keeping vig - ils



through the night, thou hast gained God's mer - - - - cy.



Thou wast raised on wings, O bless - ed one, to the love of Him



and of His beau - ty; and as is right thou dwellest now



in His un - end - - ing joy, with thy fellow soldiers in the



spi - ri - tu - al fight, O ho - ly saint\_\_\_\_\_ of\_\_\_\_\_ God.

1) *Reader:* For He hath made His mercy to prevail over us,



And the truth of the Lord abideth for - ev - - - - er.



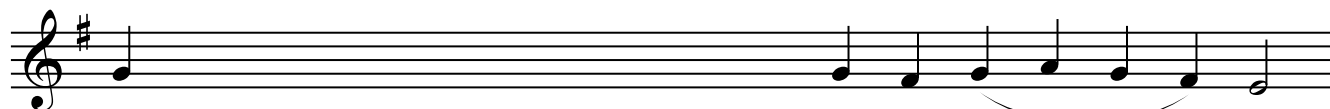
+ O ho - ly fath - er John, through faith thou hast lift - ed up



thy mind on wings \_\_\_\_\_ to God;hating the restless con-fus-ion of this world,



thou hast ta - ken up thy Cross; \_\_\_\_\_ and fol - low - ing Him Who sees all things,



thou hast subjected thy rebellious body to His guid - - - - ance



through as - ce - tic dis - - - - ci - pline,



by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - - - - rit.

4) *Reader:* From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

*But if 4 verses are desired according to "The Lenten Triodion", insert this Psalm verse at the beginning, repeating the 1st sticheron: "O holy father John, truly..."*



Let Is - ra - el hope \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.