

December 4th

# Our Righteous Father John of Damascus

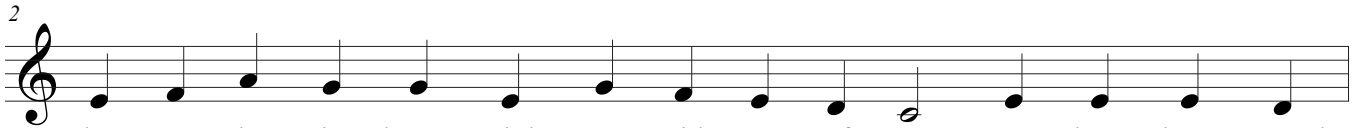
## Stichera on Lord I have cried

Byzantine Tone 8 (Plagal of 4th Mode-C)  
Special Melody: *What shall we now call you*

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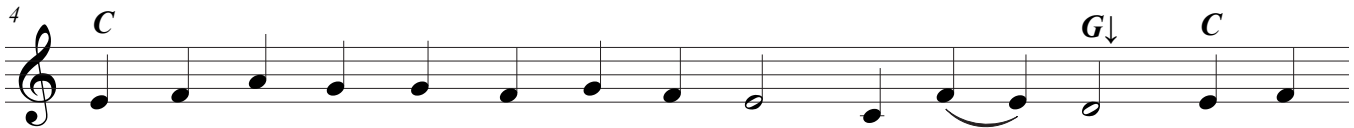
1) What shall we now call thee, O Saint of God? Ho - ly John the  
2) *What shall I now call thee, O won - drous one, wise and sweet - ly*  
3) What shall I now call thee, O glo - rious John? Shin - ing torch that



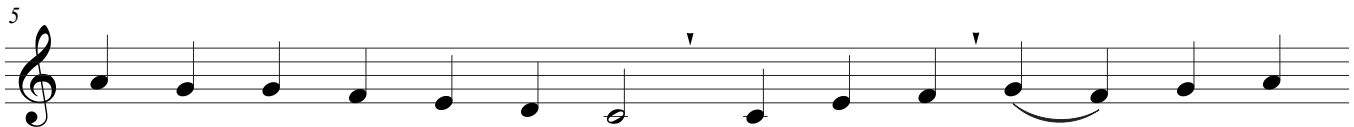
The - o - lo - gian, hymn-wright Da - vid sweet of song? Won - drous harp moved  
*speak - ing John, thou great and bright - ly shin - ing star, thou whose vi - sion*  
bring - eth light or an in - struc - tor great of fame; sa - cred priest or



by the Spir - it, or a shep - herd's tune - ful pipe? For thou dost  
*was il - lu - mined with the Trin - i - ty's clear light? For en - ter -*  
true be - hold - er of the Mys - ter - ies of God; a star that



sweet - en both the hear - ing and the mind; thou mak - est glad the  
*- ing the Spir - it's dark - ness, thou was there in - struct - ed in the*  
doth a - dorn the Church with maj - es - ty; a lamp - stand shin - ing



blest as - sem - blies of the Church; and thy mel - lif - lu - ous  
*things of God no man may speak; and then, like Mos - es, thou*  
bright - ly on those in the dark; a most har - mo - ni - ous



words a - dorn with their mag - nif - i - cence all thē earth. Do thou  
*didst ex - plain all things with mu - si - cal el - o - quence. Do thou*  
in - stru - ment; a trum - pet sound - ing with come - ly strains. Do thou



en - treat Christ the Sav - ior that our souls be saved.  
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