

Divine Liturgy Variables on December 04  
Great-Martyr Barbara & Venerable John of Damascus  
Martyr Juliana; New-hieromartyr Seraphim,  
Bishop of Phanarion in Greece

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Save us, O Son of God, Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BARBARA IN TONE FOUR

Let us honor the all-revered Saint Barbara; for she demolished the gins of the adversary, and escaped from them like a sparrow by the help and weapon of the Cross.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS IN TONE THREE  
(\*\*Thy confession\*\*)

O ye faithful come, let us on this day \* laud with praise the sweet-sounding nightingale \* that adorned and captivated the Church of Christ \* with his sweet songs and tuneful, heav'nly hymns, \* he is the all-wise and eloquent John Damascene, \* the utmost chief of hymnographers, and a man of God \* who was filled with every earthly and divine wisdom.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY  
WEEKDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God,  
Who art wondrous in the Saints; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- *Now sing these apolytikia in the following order.*

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BARBARA IN TONE FOUR

Let us honor the all-revered Saint Barbara; for she demolished the gins of  
the adversary, and escaped from them like a sparrow by the help and  
weapon of the Cross.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS IN TONE THREE  
(\*Thy confession\*)

O ye faithful come, let us on this day \* laud with praise the sweet-  
sounding nightingale \* that adorned and captivated the Church of Christ \*  
with his sweet songs and tuneful, heav'nly hymns, \* he is the all-wise and  
eloquent John Damascene, \* the utmost chief of hymnographers, and a  
man of God \* who was filled with every earthly and divine wisdom.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple,  
only if the above saints are not the patrons of the temple.*

WHEN THOU O LORD...

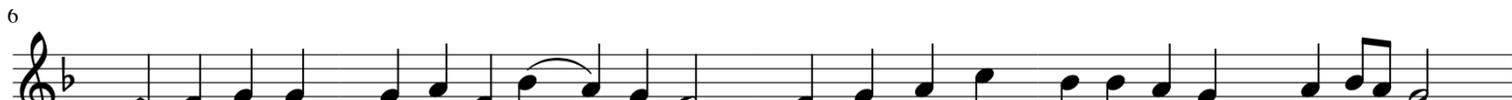
# KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

## TONE 3



On this day the Vir - gin co - meth to the cave to give birth

6



to God the Word in - e - ffa-bly Who was be - fore all the a - ges.

12



Dance for joy, O earth, on hear - ing the glad ti - dings;

17



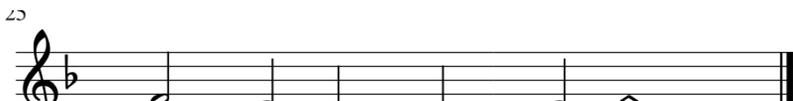
with the an - gels and the shepherds now glo - ri - fy Him, Who is will - ing

21



to be ga - zed on, as a young child, Who be - fore the a - ges is

23



God.

- *Note: Use the Readings applicable to the patron saint of your parish. If your parish is named after neither, the pastor may choose which set to read.*

THE EPISTLE  
(For St. Barbara)

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.



THE EPISTLE  
(For St. John of Damascus)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.  
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (5:22-6:2)

Brethren, the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

THE GOSPEL  
(For St. John of Damascus)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:17-23)

At that time, Jesus stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His Disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch Him, for power came forth from Him and healed them all. And Jesus lifted up His eyes on His Disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in Heaven.”

- *The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom continues as usual. The only remaining variable is the Koinonikon.*

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR THE SAINT  
TONE EIGHT

The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance;  
he shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia.

# Communion Hymn - For Hierarchs - Tone 8

135 bpm

The righteous shall be in e - ver - la - sting  
re-mem brance; he shall not fear e - vil ti - dings.

Verses:

- (1) His heart is ready to hope in the Lord; his heart is established.  
(Psalm 111:7)
- (2) He shall not be afraid, until he look down upon his enemies.  
(Psalm 111:7)
- (3) He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor, his righteousness  
abideth unto ages of ages; his horn shall be exalted with glory.  
(Psalm 111:8)