

Ode Three

Heirmos: Of the Vault of the Heavens

a^f
O Saint of God, in - ter - cede in our be - half.

a^f
By much hard - ship and sor - row, un - cea - sing prayer, vi - gi - lance,

a^f
Thou didst seek thy Sa - viour, O right - eous John, most be - loved of God,

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And He be - came thy friend And ev - er - pre - sent com - pan - ion,

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Mak - ing eve - ry grief and tri - al seem un - to thee most sweet.

a^f
O Saint of God, in - ter - cede in our be - half.

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As a dwel - ling and ves - sel of grace di - vine, bles - sed one,

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Thy most sa - cred bo - dy was hal - lowed and thy soul de - i - fied,

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And thou didst leave to us Thine in - cor - rupt ho - ly re - lics,

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Which pour forth great mir - a - cles Dai - ly to those in need.

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Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit

a *f*
I have sinned be - yond mea - sure and have de - spised by my deeds

a *f*
God's great be - ne - fac - tions and mer - cies which do en - com - pass me.

a *f*
But as com - pas - sion - ate And quick to hear - ken to sin - ners,

a *f*
Do thou in - ter - cede for me, Ho - ly and bles - sed John.

a *f*
Both now and ev - er and un - to the a - ges of a - ges. A - men.

a *f*
I be - seech thee, O Vir - gin, stretch forth thy hand, res - cue me,

a *f*
That same hand which car - ried cre - a - tion's Mas - ter up - on thy breast,

a *f*
For by thy lov - ing care I am de - li - vered from sor - row

a *f*
And the fie - ry darts of sin Cast by the en - e - my.