

December 4 - greatmartyr Barbara and venerable John of Damascus

DAILY ANTIPHONS in the music book

TROPARIA

Tone 8 Let us honor the holy martyr Barbara, / for as a bird she escaped the snares of the enemy, / and destroyed them through the help// and defense of the Cross.

Tone 8 Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,/ the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs:/ all-wise father John, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things.// Intercede before Christ God to save our souls.

Tone 4 The truth of things has revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen. **KONTAKION Tone 3** The Virgin today comes to the cave To give birth ineffably to the Word before the age. Dance, world who hear this! Glorify, with angels and the shepherds, Him who willed to be manifest,// A new child, the God before the ages.

Priest: Let us attend! Peace to all!

Reader: And to your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: **The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: Wondrous is God in his holies, the God of Israel.** (*Psalm 67:35*)

People: Wondrous is God in his holies, the God of Israel.

Reader: **In Churches bless God, the Lord from the springs of Israel.** (*Psalm 67:26*)

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Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading is from the epistle of the holy apostle Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)

Priest: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 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 seed, and heirs according to the promise. Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Priest: Peace to you (who have read)!

Reader: And to your spirit! Alleluia in the eighth tone. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear. (Psalm 44:10)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: Your face the rich of the people will entreat. (Psalm 44:12)

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24)

COMMUNION HYMN A righteous one will be into eternal remembrance, he will not be frightened by an evil hearing. (Psalm 111:6-7) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.