

# 'Lord I Call' - Venerable Pelagia the Penitent

October 8

Reader: v. (6) If Thou, O Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with Thee.

Tone 8

Obikhod

O most glo - ri - ous won - der; the woman of great courage  
laid low the en - e - my through feats of ab - sti - nence.  
Extinguishing the pas - sions of the flesh,  
she cast aside the heavy yoke of earthly pos - ses - sions;  
and joyfully taking the Cross of the Lord up - on her shoul - ders,  
she heeded the wise teachings of Nonnus, and fol - lowed Christ.

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Reader v. (5) For Thy name's sake have I waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul has  
Tone 8 waited for Thy word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

Obikhod

Tru - ly thou art like a new Thek - la, for discovering

a new Paul in Nonnus, thy teach - er. Being inspired

by his instruction thou earnestly sought re - pen - tance.

Through great abstinence thou wast u - nit - ed with Christ.

Therefore, ceaselessly entreat Him that we may be saved,

O all - honored and most - blessed Pel - a - gi - a.

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Reader v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

Tone 8

Obikhod

Re - joice, O all - honored Pel - a - gi - a, for being inflamed

with divine zeal thou didst spurn thy lustful pas - sions;

and coming before Nonnus thou didst cry a - loud to him:

"I repent of all my past deeds. Bless me now with the Sign of Christ,

and clothe me in the clean and glorious garment of bap - tis - m!"

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**Reader (3):** For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

**Tone 8**

**Obikhod**

Most glorious won - der: A corrupted root has put forth a fruit - ful shoot!

A polluted spring is filled with liv - ing wa - ter; darkness is made

light; a harlot has be - come chaste! She who once lived in luxury

has tired herself with fast - ing, and her cell becomes an open

door to the gates of heav - en! As thou dost enter there,

Thais, thou art met with joy by the choirs of the right - eous!

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Reader (2): Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

Tone 8

Obikhod

Most glorious won - der: Fearing the eternal fire she casts her treasures

in - to the flames! She is enflamed with the fire of di - vine love,

openly con - fess - ing her sins. She hastens in secret to serve God, cry - ing out:

Accept me, O ven - 'ra - ble Paph - nu - ti - us; lead me forth

from this sin - lov - ing world. Unite me to Christ in pu - ri - ty!

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**Reader (1):** For His mercy is confirmed on us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

**Tone 8**

**Obikhod**

Tha - is cried a - loud: How shall I, who am filled with sins,  
flee from God Who beholds all things and sees all se - crets?  
For I know Him to be the Judge and the Sen - tenc - er;  
yet I know Him also to be the Lov - er of man - kind!  
Therefore I trust in His mer - cy. I wash away the filth  
of my heart with my tears, committing my life in - to His hands!

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**Reader:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Tone 4**

**Obikhod**

Where sin increased, as the Apostle teach-es, grace a-bound-ed much more,  
for, in prayers and tears, O Pel-a-gi-a, thou didst dry up the abyss of ma-ny sins;  
and through repentance thou didst present an of-fer-ing well-pleas-ing  
to the Lord, and now thou dost intercede for us be-fore Him.