

# 'Lord I Call' - St Gregory Palamas

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

**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 2**

**Obikhod**

What hymns of praise shall we sing to honor the holy bishop?

He is the trumpet of theology, the flaming mouth-piece of grace,

the chosen vessel of the Spirit, the unshakeable pillar

of the Church, the great joy of the inhabited earth,

the river of wisdom, the candle-stick of the Light,

the shining star that has made all creation bright.

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

Tone 2

Obikhod

What garlands of song shall we weave for the holy bish - op?

He is the champion of true worship, the foe of

un - god - li - ness, the fer - vent de - fend - er of the faith,

the great guide and teacher, the well - tuned harp of the Spir - it,

the golden tongue, the fountain flowing with healing for

the faith - ful, the great and won - der - ful Gre - gor - y.

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

Tone 2

Obikhod

How shall we who dwell on earth praise the holy bish - op?

He is the Church's teacher, the herald of the Un - cre - a - ted

Light, the in - i - ti - ate of the Trinity's heav - en - ly

mys - ter - ies, the adornment of the mo - nas - tic life,

renowned alike in action and con - tem - pla - tion:

Gregory, the pride of Thes - sa - lo - - ni - ca.

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

Tone 6

Obikhod

O thrice - bless - ed saint, most holy fa - ther,  
good shepherd, disciple of Christ the Chief Shep - herd.  
Like Him thou didst give thy life for thy sheep.  
By thine intercessions, O God - bearing Father Greg - or - y,  
may great mercy be grant - ed to our souls!