

# 'Lord I Call' - Afterfeast-Nativity of Theotokos

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

Tone 8

Obikhod

Most glo - ri - ous won - der! Today the unwedded Moth - er of God

springs forth from a child - less and bar - ren womb, as a stem bearing

a flow - er, coming from the righteous Joachim and An - na.

Therefore the councils of the Prophets and the whole as - sem - bly of

the Pa - tri - archs, rejoice at her na - tiv - i - ty!

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

**Tone 8**

**Obikhod**

To - day David rejoices and Jesse danc - es!

Levi is magnified and the righteous Joachim leaps in spir - it!

The barrenness of Anna is openly loosed by thy birth, O pure Mar - y.

The company of Angels and all mor - - tals

call thy divine womb blessed, O un - wed - ded One.

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

Tone 8

Obikhod

Re - joice, union of earth with heav - en! Rejoice, tem - ple of the Lord!

Rejoice, un - wed - ded Moth - er! Thou hast most gloriously loosed

Anna's bar - ren - ness and by thy birth have given remission of sins to mor - tals.

Re - joice, all - im - ma - cu - late one! Rejoice, divine tem - ple!

Rejoice, tabernacle in which our Creator and Lord made His dwell - ing place!

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**Reader:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Tone 2**

**Obikhod**

What is this sound of feast - ing we hear?

Joachim and Anna mystically celebrate, say - ing:

"Re - jice with us today, O A - dam and Eve;

for if by thy transgression thee closed the gate of Paradise to those of old,

we have now been given a glo - ri - ous fruit,

Mary, the child of God, who opens its en - trance to all!"