

## Aposticha - Forgiveness Vespers

**Verse 2 - Reader:** Unto Thee have I lifted up mine eyes, unto Thee that dwellest in Heaven. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, as the eyes of the handmaid look unto the hands of her mistress, so do our eyes look unto the Lord our God, until He take pity on us.

**Tone 4**

**Obikhod**

Thy grace has shone forth, O Lord: the grace which il-lu-mines our soul.

This is the ac-cept-a-ble time! This is the time of re-pent-ance!

Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the ar-mor of light,

that passing through the Fast as through a great sea

we may reach the Resurrection on the third day

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Sav-ior of our souls.

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**Verse 1 - Reader:** Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us, for greatly are we filled with abasement. Greatly hath our soul been filled therewith; let reproach come upon them that prosper, and abasement on the proud.

**Tone 4**

**Obikhod**

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The first system contains the lyrics: "Thou art glo - ri - fied in the memory of Thy saints, O Christ God." The second system contains the lyrics: "At their supplications, send down on us Thy great mer - cy!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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 4**

**Obikhod**

The angelic hosts glorify thee, O Mother of God, for thou didst  
give birth to God, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,  
Who, by His own desire, created the angelic hosts out of nothing.  
Beseech Him to deliver from corruption and to enlighten  
the souls of those who rightly praise thee, O most pure one!