

Aposticha - Annunciation

March 25

Verse 3

Tone 4

Obikhod

In the sixth month, the Archangel was sent to the pure Vir - gin;
and with his greet - ing "Re - joice," he an - nounced
the good news that the Deliverer was to come forth from her.
Therefore, having received the salu - ta - tion with faith, she conceived
Thee, the pre - e - ter - nal God, Who wast well - pleased
ineffably to be - come man for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

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Verse 2 - Reader: Proclaim from day to day the glad tidings of the salvation of our God!

Tone 4

Obikhod

The Theotokos heard a tongue that she knew not,
for the Archangel addressed to her the words of glad tid - ings;
there - fore, ac - cept - ing the salu - ta - tion with faith, she
conceived Thee, the pre - e - ter - nal God. And so, rejoicing exceedingly,
we too cry a - loud to Thee: O God, made flesh from her with - out
change, grant peace to the world, and great mer - cy to our souls!

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Verse 1 - Reader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done wonders!

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Obikhod

Behold, our restoration has now been re-vealed to us: in a manner
beyond understanding, God is u-nit-ed to man; at the voice of the
Archangel, de-lu-sion is de-stroyed, for the Virgin re-ceives joy;
things of the earth have be-come heav-en; and the world is freed
from the an-cient curse. Let creation rejoice exceedingly and sing with voic-es
of praise: O Lord, our Maker and De-liv-er-er, glor-y to Thee!

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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.

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Obikhod

Today the good tidings of joy are pro-claimed, today is the festival of
the Vir-gin; things be-low are joined together with things on high.
Adam is made new; Eve is freed from the prim-al grief;
and by the deification of the human nature that the Lord as-sumed,
the tabernacle of our substance has become a tem-ple of God.
Oh, what a mys-ter-y! The manner of His emptying can-not be known;

the manner of His conception is be - yond speech. An Angel

ministers at the miracle; a virginal womb re - ceives the Son;

the Holy Spirit is sent down; the Father on high is well - pleased,

and according to their common counsel, a reconciliation is

brought to pass in which and through which we are saved.

For this reason let us unite our song with Ga - bri - el's,

crying aloud to the Vir - gin: "Rejoice, O Lady full of grace, the Lord

is with thee! From thee is our salvation, Christ our God,

Who, by assuming our nature, has led us back to Him - self.

Pray to Him for the sal - va - tion of our souls!"