November 19: Holy Prophet Obadiah
Stichera on "Lord I have cried", Tone 1
Kievan Chant

(6) Reader: (In the 1st Tone.) If thou shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, O Lord, who shall stand?

For with Thee there is forgiveness.

As a splendid receptacle of the Spirit and one illumined by Him,

O Obadiah of vision most divine, thou wast enriched by the image

of prophecy, the foreknowledge of things to come, and the knowledge

of the truth. Pray thou now, that He grant our souls peace and great mercy.
Reader: For Thy name's sake have I patiently waited for Thee, O Lord, my soul hath waited patiently for Thy word,

My soul hath hoped in the Lord.

Of the primary traits and essential proofs / whereby God is depicted / do the glorious and honorable prophets partake as a gift / secondarily through communion and grace // when the Lord illumineth His favored ones with His effulgence.

Reader: From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch

Let Israel hope in the Lord.

Full of never-waning light, / beholding glory which transcendeth understanding and reason, / and standing before the Master of all, / thou wast a glorious prophet and a divine herald of God. // Him do thou entreat, that He grant our souls peace and great mercy.

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