

*From the Octoechos*  
**Friday Vespers - Tone 4**  
**Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"**

Byzantine Chant Tone 4

Special Melody: *O Lord, although I desired to blot out*

D E

1) O Lord my God, do Thou crush com-plete - ly all the death - en -

Un. D

- gen - der - ing pas-sions of my heart; if Thou de-stroy-est the house of the

E

flesh and dost build up the house of the spir - it in its stead,

Un. D Un. D G

in vain he watch-eth who war-reth a - gainst my soul with his cun-ning. O

E

Lord, be - fore I ut - ter - ly per - ish, do Thou save me.

D E

2) Thou, as a gift and scourge of in - struc - tion, didst give me thē

Un. D

en - e - my for my ben - e - fit; for by vo - li - tion not good, his

E

e - vil yet doth work for good for me, O most Mer - ci - ful;

Un. D Un. D G

yet I flee not to Thy re - fuge with an - y prayer of thanks-giv - ing. O

E

Lord, be - fore I ut - ter - ly per - ish, do Thou save me.

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**D** **E**

3) La - dy, O La - dy, re - deem and free me from un - clean and

**Un. D**

shame - ful re - flec - tions in my thoughts for they pro - fane and de - file the

**E**

sens - es of my soul and bod - y, O all - im - mac - u - late.

**Un. D** **Un. D** **G**

There - fore, O pure one, I pray thee, cry - ing al - loud in re - pen - tance: O

**E**

La - dy, be fore I ut - ter - ly per - ish, do thou save me.