July 22nd

Mary Magdalene, Myrrh-bearer & Equal-to-the-Apostles

Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers
(May also be sung as the Praises at Orthros)

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih
from various sources

1) Thou didst follow in the steps of Christ when He appeared unto us, and didst minister unto Him with all zeal, O modest one,
in the uprightness of thy mind. And when He died, thou didst not abandon Him,
but wentest forth and didst bring Him myrrh with tears in thy great sympathy, O all-famed Myrrh-bearer;
wherefore, we observe a most solemn feast on thine all-sacred memory.

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2) Mary, who shinest supremely bright, longing to
look on our Life slain and laid in the sepulcher, thou didst come forth in the night
and thou hearest the Angels say: Lo, Christ is risen, as He foretold to you;
which thou didst tell His disciples with all speed,
O modest Magdalen, and in casting off the sadness of thy soul, thou wast granted joy untold instead of bitter tears.
3) As we the faithful delight today, O holy bearer of myrrh, on thy memory, we glorify Him that made thee glorious, Christ our Lord, the supremely good. Beseech Him ceaselessly, O all venerable, that we attain to the splendor of the Saints, O Mary blest of God, and to everlasting glory, since thou hast boldness to speak freely unto Him at any time.