

*September 24th*  
**Proto-martyr Thekla, Equal-to-the-Apostles**  
**Stichera at the Aposticha at Vespers**

Byzantine Chant Tone 1  
 Special Melody: *Thou art the joy*

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1) As the all - laud - ed First Mar - tyr and the a -  
 - pos - tles' peer, O come - ly vir - gin Thek - la, glo - ry  
 of mar - tyred wom - en, I cry to thee: Do thou, by thy  
 God - pleas - ing prayers, heal my soul of its bit - ter wounds  
 and griev - ous pas - sions, and swift - ly de - liv - er me  
 from the fire that nev - er shall be quenched.

*Verse:* Her sound hath gone forth into all the earth, and her words unto the ends of the world.

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2) Christ God's al - might - y di - vine pow - er with a  
 cloud of rain put out the flame, O Thek - la, but be -  
 -dewed thee as faith - ful; and just - ly did it burn un - be -

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- liev - ers with fire; and de - liv - - 'ring thee won - drous - ly  
from be - ing rend - ed by bulls and by sav - age beasts,  
it then glo - ri - fied thee o - - - pen - - ly.

*Verse:* That we might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

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3) Lov - ing the Bride - - groom most come - - ly in beau - ty  
un - - de - filed, thou didst re - nounce, O Thek - la, thy be -  
-trothed and didst fol - low the words of Paul, the brides - man es -  
- cort - ing the Church; and when thou hadst been slain like him  
to gain the lot which is noth - - ing but all de - light,  
thou wast wed to Christ, Whom thou didst love.