

July 11th  
Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised  
Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone 5  
Special Melody: Rejoice

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1) Re - joice, O Vir - gin Mar - tyr of Christ,  
who didst a - rise out of thē East like a beam - ing star,  
while bright - ly il - lu - mi - nat - ing the whole in - hab - it - ed  
earth with the pierc - ing light and splen - dor of thy soul;  
through thee, the di - vine de - cree of the Fa - thers hath been con - firmed,  
and the blas - phem - ing tongue of Eu - ty - ches is de - stroyed  
with that of the dire and de - ment - ed Di - os - co - rus.  
Where - fore, re - joice, O thou who pour - est streams of thy ho - ly blood  
from thine all - sanc - ti - fied rel - ics to purge de -  
file - ment and ev - 'ry stain, through Christ's might - y pow - er,  
Who doth gra - cious - ly be - stow His great mer - cy on the world.

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2) Come ye, and as we look on the feast  
of Christ's prize-winner being honored with songs of praise,  
come, let us rejoice together in spirit gladly this  
day and in jubilation keep the festival.  
For she, with the mighty strength of the Spirit, hath over-thrown  
the haughty rashness and presumption of tyrant kings,  
raising up a great trophy over them valiantly.  
Her, then, let us extol in songs that sing of the holy fame  
of that fair virgin-al maiden, fame's worthy  
name-sake, Euphemia; and let us beseech Christ  
through her prayers to grant His peace and great mercy to the world.

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3) When thou, O mod - est maid, hadst re - ceived  
with - in thy tomb the tomes of pi - ous and im - pi - ous,  
thou took - est in - to thy hands that which had been right - ly com -  
-piled by the Fa - thers, who from Heav - en were in - spired;  
but thou trod - dest un - der - foot as a lie and op - posed to God  
the mis - be - liev - ers' doc - trines, whom thou didst ut - ter - ly  
cov - er up with shame. Where - fore, as we now pi - ous - ly  
praise thee, we all re - joice on thy me - mo - ri - al, un - to which  
we have been gath - ered to - geth - er by the high  
priest of By - zan - ti - um. For this cause, O Mar - tyr,  
pray the Sav - ior that He grant His great mer - cy to us all.