Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised
Stichera at the Prases

July 11th

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Rejoice, O Virgin Martyr of Christ,
who didst arise out of the East like a beaming star,
while brightly illuminating the whole inhabited earth with the piercing light and splendor of thy soul;
through thee, the divine decree of the Fathers hath been confirmed,
and the blaspheming tongue of Eutyches is destroyed with that of the dire and demented Dioscorus.

Therefore, rejoice, O thou who pourest streams of thy holy blood from thine all-sanctified relics to purge de-
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filement and ev'ry stain, through Christ's mighty power,

Who doth graciously bestow His great mercy 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 overthrown the haughty rashness and presumption of tyrant kings, raising up a great trophy over them valiantly. Her, then, let us exalt in songs that sing of the holy fame of that fair virginal 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.
3) When thou, O modest maid, hadst received within thy tomb the tomes of pious and impious,

thou tookest into thy hands that which had been rightly compiled by the Fathers, who from Heaven were inspired;

but thou troddest underfoot as a lie and opposed to God the misbelievers' doctrines, whom thou didst utterly cover up with shame. Wherefore, as we now piously praise thee, we all rejoice on thy memorial, unto which we have been gathered together by the high priest of Byzantium. For this cause, O Martyr, pray the Savior that He grant His great mercy to us all.

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