

*May 4th*

# Venerable Martyr Pelagia of Tarsus

## **Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"**

## **Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4**

### **Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee***

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) Long-ing af - ter sa - cred, sav - ing, and all - sanc - ti - fied

Bap - tis - m, thou didst seek with much dil - i - gence the

priest of God's mys - ter - ies; and when thou hadst found him,

thou in joy and glad - ness didst swift - ly run to thy De - sired,

O Pel - a - gi - a, thou Mar - tyr praised of all. And

be - ing count - ed wor - thy of di - vine and strange vi - sions

won - drous - ly, as a young maid - en thou didst run

close - ly af - ter thy Bride - groom, Christ.

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**E**  
**Un.**  
**E**  
 2) When thou hadst a - ban - doned all the world as earth - ly and

**Un.**  
**E**  
 tem - po - ral and cor - rupt - ed and with - er - ing, with

**G**  
**E**  
 fer - vor thou didst pur - sue God's e - ter - nal beau - ty,

see - ing it en - dur - eth for - ev - er and pos - sess - eth joy,

un - end - ing glad - ness of heart, and pu - ri - ty; and

thou, O Pel - a - gi - a, didst re - ceive in thy pure vir -

**G**  
**E**  
 - gin - i - ty the fair glo - ry of mar - tyr - dom,

since thou bright - ly didst shine in both.

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Un.

E

3) End - less and in - ef - fa - ble is the great sea of thy

mir - a - cles, Pel - a - gi - a most laud - a - ble; for

G

E

since thou didst long for Christ with an un - de - filed heart

which was tru - ly per - fect, O Mar - tyr, thou didst no - bly scorn

the pains of tor - ments, the tor - tures, and the fire. For

this cause hath the Sav - ior of our souls, thy Bride - groom, pre -

G

E

- pared for thee a bride - cham - ber in Heav - en's heights,

O most stout - heart - ed Saint of God.