May 13th

Virgin-Martyr Glyceria of Heraclea
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant

1) Through the pains of thy martyrdom, thou becamest thy Master's bride, shining with the beauty of bright virginity; and as a dowry, O all-famed maiden, thou didst present to Him the dread cutting of thy limbs and a harsh death by violence, O Glyceria. For this cause thou hast reached the bridal chambers of the Heavens, where thou prayest that those who bless thee with faith be saved.

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2) What great courage thy mind revealed! What resistance most brave was seen, glorious Glyceria,
in thy noble soul! For being weak in the body, yet in spirit, a flame with zeal,
thou didst trample down the foe, that first author of wick-edness, saying: Thou, O Lord, art the strength and the glory of Thy servants, Who with power none can conquer hast put to flight our once mighty foe.
3) Neither hunger nor threat of harm, nor the fierce-ness of bitter pains, nor the fiery furnace, nor being stretched on stones, nor being forcibly shut up in a prison, O most renowned, had the strength to separate thee at all from the love of Christ. Hence, thou didst receive a divine dew from God and wast translated from the earth and all things earthly to endless life, O Glyceria.