

June 13th

The Holy Martyr Aquilina of Byblos in Syria

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

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1) Know-ing thee, O tro - phy - bear - ing Mar - tyr, tru - ly to
be a bride un - cor - rupt - ed and in - no - cent, a -
-dorned and made beau - ti - ful in the Ho - ly Spir - it,
we keep thy re - splen - dent re - mem-brance as we ven - er - ate
the ho - ly shrine of thy rel - ics pi - ous - ly, from
which we ev - er draw forth heal - ing of our pas - sions and
mal - a - dies, as we hon - or thee faith - ful - ly,
Aq - ui - li - na ex - tolled of all.

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2) Seized with strong de - sire for thy Cre - a - tor's love, O all -
-laud - ed maid, in thine own flesh didst thou por - tray His
G **E**
Pas - sion and suf - fer - ings, bear - ing ev - 'ry bil - low
dash - ing thee with pains; and thou dwell - est in the Heav - ens now,
O Aq - ui - li - na, thou Saint in - spired of God, while
wear - ing an un - fad - ing crown and glo - ry un - mixed with
G **E**
an - y pain as thou look - est up - on the things
that thē An - gels be - hold with joy.

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3) As a pre - cious dow - ry, — thou didst bring the wound - ings up -
- on thy limbs to thy Bride - groom with ar - dent love; for
which He vouch-safed to thee bril - liant bri - dal cham - bers.
And He, the Tran - scen - dent in Es - sence, mak - eth thee to shine
with His di - vine glo - ry's bright - ly beam - ing light. O
mod - est Aq - ui - li - na, as with joy thou stand - est be -
- fore Him now, in - ter - cede with Him for us all,
who with faith — keep thy mem - o - ry.