Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

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1) O strange wonder how Euphemia, the gentle lamb of the Lord, imitated His willing death with the pains she underwent in her contest of martyrdom; and by the might of the Holy Spirit's grace, while laid to rest in the tomb, she poured forth springs of her holy blood, which we draw forth for the cleansing of our souls, as we daily send up praise unto the God of all.

2) Thou, O all-famed Martyr, verily didst check the fury of beasts as did Daniel in olden times; and, divine grace helping thee, thou didst easily brave the fire; having borne all other torments patiently, thou didst receive thy fair wreath of victory, which never withereth, and thou wentest up in joy to thy Belov'd; wherefore, we now honor thee with praise and call thee blest.

3) In holy council, the Fathers placed the definition of faith on thy breast, O Euphemia; and thou, O all-lauded maid, by embracing it didst preserve the godly Faith steadfast and immovable, while turning back in defeat all heresy and heap ing open shame on the champions of falsehood; wherefore, we honor thee and call thee blest, for thou art glorious.