Great-martyr Marina of Antioch in Pisidia
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih from various sources

1) O wondrous marvel! The haughty brow and lofty vaunting of him who once said he would utterly blot out both the earth and sea hath been humbled down to the ground at an all-blameless and tender maiden's hands, who hath defeated his cunning villainy. How mighty is the grace and the power of the Cross which verily hath supported with its strength all our infirmity.

2) Martyr Marina most glorious, since thou dost

worthily dwell in the heavenly mansions now with the virgins' companies

and the armies of martyred Saints, save them that

faithfully keep thy memory

and come in faith to thy shelter and thy care,

as thou entreatest God, asking that complete forgive-ness of our sins and redemption and Great

Mercy may be granted us.
3) Martyr Marina most laudable, neither the torments of fire, nor enjoyment of pleasant things, nor the whole world's fairest gifts, nor the joy and delight of youth could separate thee from thy strong love of Christ, since thou didst yearn to obtain the fathomless incomprehensible beauty of the holy Bridegroom of the soul, which hath been vouchsafed to thee, O Saint divinely blest.