July 24th

Great-Martyr Christina of Tyre

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

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

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1) When the Lord illumined thy pure mind with knowledge of things divine as the true Sun of Righteousness, He wholly delivered thee from the deepest darkness of thy former ignorance; whereupon, O blest of God, Martyr Christina, thou brakest into dust the wicked heathen idols and didst clearly figure forth in thyself Christ God's Passion and sufferings with endurance and mighty faith.
2) Having borne the sufferings of the flesh, thou joyously wentest up to delight free of suffering; as thou dost abide therein, O all-famed Christina, beautifully adorned as the chosen bride of Christ the King, remember us who in faith remember thee and honor thy memorial, that we find mercy in time of need and a speedy deliverance from distress and adversity.
3) Covered, O Christina, with the bloody wounds of thy riv en flesh as a bride in her or na ments, thou put test the ves ture on of a roy al pur - ple bright ly stained in blood; now thou stand est with thy Bride-groom Christ, clothed with di - vine light as an em - broid - ered robe, O Mar - tyr, while par tak ing of de i fi ca tion in bound less joy with the vir - gins and mar - tyred Saints at all times and for ev er more.