July 26th

The Holy Venerable Virgin-Martyr Paraskeva of Rome

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 strange wonder! with what manli ness and courage

thou didst hurl down Antoni nus' audac i ty

and didst strive with fer vent zeal, wise and mod est Para ske va. And since thou right ly hast been vouch-safed the crowns

and the re wards of thy call ing from on high,

ev er re mem ber us, thine own serv ants, who with

faith now hon or thee; and do thou en treat the

Lord to show His mer cy to us.

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2) O all-famed Martyr of Christ our God, loving with all of thy soul Christ thy Master, thou valiantly barrest all the painful wounds of the tortments of martyrdom; and when the scourgings had torn thy sides with stripes, thou didst endure every torture and affront, all for the sake of Him Whom thou verily didst love, O blest of God, and Who granted crowns to thee. Wherefore, we sing thy praise.
3) O righteous Martyr most glorious, who hath the power to tell of the manly and marvelous exploits of thy martyrdom, and the prizes thy pains have won? Or the great patience and meekness thou didst show, O modest maiden, as though not wearing flesh?

Hence, O Paraskeva, a companion of the angels art thou now, as the Spirit's vessel and the Lord Almighty's bride.