July 29th

Holy Virgin Martyr Theodota of Bithynia
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) As a virgin and martyred Saint, an inviolate bride of God, who in the Divine Spirit shone out notably, who hath loved Christ with a fervent love, who covered the foe with shame, who hath striven steadfastly and hath patiently undergone torments of all kinds, we exalt thee in faith, O Theodota, and we celebrate thy saving and brightly beam ing mem or ial.

2) In the Spirit and through thy faith, thou becamest the bride of Christ, bringing Him as dowry the burning of thy limbs, thy might y contests and heavy pains, the tortures innumerable, with the shedding of thy blood; now thou wear est a victor's crown and hast entered in the divine bridal chamber, O all modest Virgin Martyr Theodota, praying for all them that honor thee.
3) As a noble and adamant, as a Martyr of godly mind, by whom the destroyer's deception was undone, thou who hast trampled the enemy of Eve to the very earth with nobility of mind, Theodota the glorious, we now sing thy praise, who art gone to the spacious breadth of Paradise, made God-like and partaking of a befitting inheritance.