September 16th
Great-martyr Euphemia the All-praised
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant
Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

1) With the beauty of maidenhood and with drops of martyric blood, thou didst make thy soul brightly shine, and wast betrothed to thy Creator, Who kept thee incorrupt, O all glorious, all-famed Martyr, that in truth thou for ever shouldst dance for joy round about His throne with the armies of angels and archangels, and the choirs of the apostles, prophets, and martyrs of Jesus Christ.

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2) Thou didst suffer upon the wheel; thou didst wrestle with savage beasts; and in fire and water didst thou temper thy mind; then thou, O virgin, didst drown the prince of darkness courageously in the streams of thine own blood, the Divine Spirit helping thee; and thou didst ascend to the spiritual bridal chambers, offering as a dowry to thy Bridegroom thy toils and pains, O Euphemia.
3) Even dead, thou yet pourest forth to the glory and praise of God ever living streams of thy blood, O Martyred Saint, watering all of the faithful and with knowledge enlightening them, while thou drownest in its floods unbelieving and hostile foes. Wherefore, unto thee is entrusted the holy and divine Tome, which thou keepest while confirming the Church’s doctrines for evermore.