Proto-Martyr Thekla, Equal-to-the-Apostles

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

September 24th

1) O Lord, though out of love for Thee, blessed Thekla sat by a small window listening, yet in mind she stood in the highest before Thy throne, being sore amazed at Thine unfath'ma bly great magnificence beyond compare, Who in Thine infinite love for mankind wast made flesh to save our fallen souls.

2) O Lord, though Thekla ran to Paul the Apostle when he was bound fast and manacled, she shook off the bonds and the fetters of all attachment to earthly things;


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and being chained with the might of love for Thee, O Christ our God, she was assured and became most steadfast, bound to Thee, the Savior of our souls.

3) O Lord, though Thekla was deprived of her converse with Paul, her teacher, against her will, yet she had Thee present beside her in time of contest and martyrdom; and when her clothes were stripped off, Thy glory came to cover her; now crowned with victory by Thy divine hand, she doth ceaselessly defend our souls.