Proto-Martyr Thekla, Equal-to-the-Apostles
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O Lord, though Thou didst stand

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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.
4) O Lord, though Thekla, Thy pure First Woman Martyr was given over to flames of fire, yet in their midst she was consumed not, for she had Thee as refreshing dew. And she remained free of harm amidst a throng of savage beasts, for by Thy hand she was kept and sheltered, for Thou art the Savior of our souls.