

September 24th

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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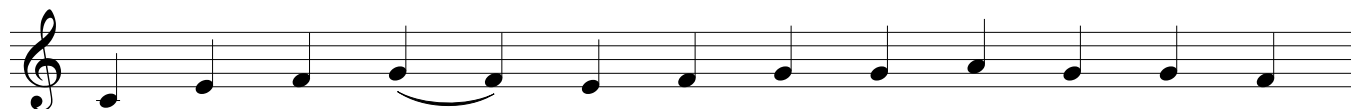
1) O Lord, though out of love for Thee, bless - ed Thek - la sat



by a small win - dow lis - ten - ing, yet in mind she stood in the



high - est be - fore Thy throne, be - ing sore a - mazed



at Thine un - fath - 'ma - bly great mag - nif - i - cence be -



-yond com - pare, Who in Thine in - fi - nite love for man - kind



wast made flesh to save our fal - len souls.



2) O Lord, though Thek - la ran to Paul thē A - pos - tle when

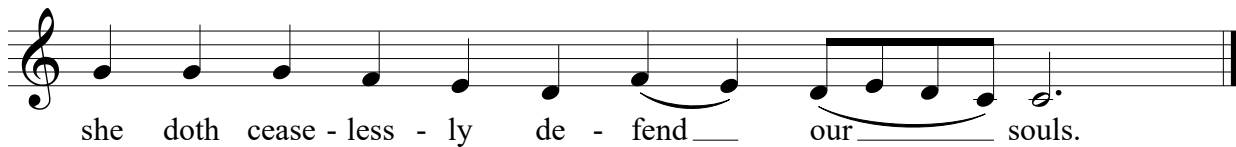
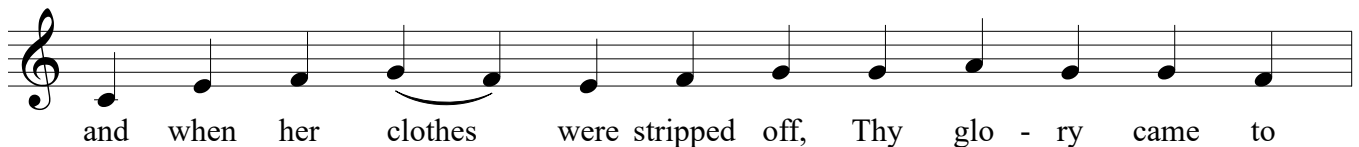
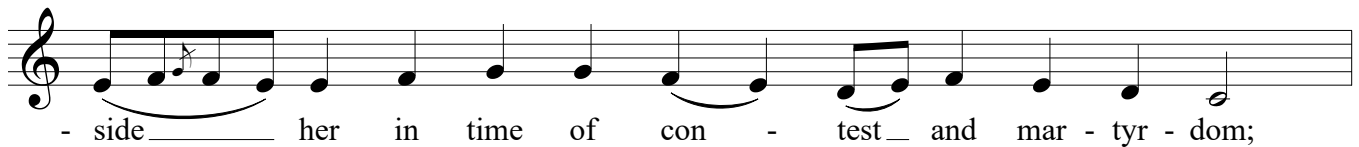
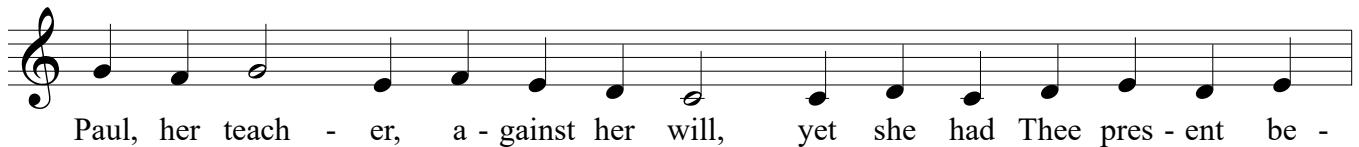
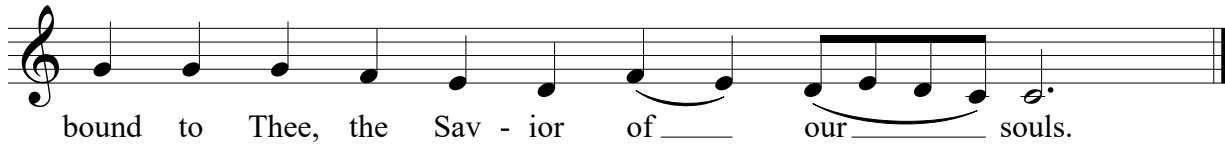
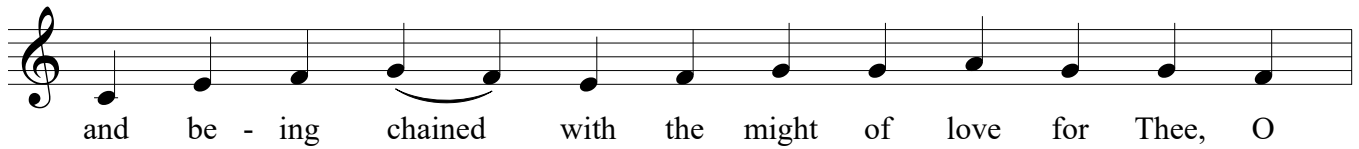


he was bound fast and man - a - cled, she shook off the bonds and the




fet - ters of all at - tach - ment to earth - ly things;

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4) O Lord, though Thek - la, Thy pure First Wom - an Mar - tyr was



giv - en o - ver to flames of fire, yet in their midst she was con -




- sumed not, for she had Thee as re - fresh - ing dew.



And she re - mained free of harm a - midst a throng of



sav - age beasts, for by Thy hand she was kept and shel - tered,



for Thou art the Sav - ior of our souls.