

December 4th

The Holy Great Martyr Barbara

Stichera on "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 2

Special Melody: *When he took thee*



1) In the course of fright-ful mar-tyr-dom, Bar-b'ra the most
glo-ri-ous Mar-tyr con-tend-ed brave-ly in pains,
all her bod-y rent with tor-ments and with
griev-ous wounds; and be-hold-ing her stead-fast-ly,
the blest Ju-li-an-a cried a-loud with fer-vent tears: O
Ho-ly Word of God, gra-cious-ly
con-sid-er me wor-thy that I now be-
come a par-tak-er with Thy
Mar-tyr, since Thou art the Friend of man.

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2) Since in ver - y truth the Saints pos - sessed one same dis - po -
- si - tion to pi - e - ty and true rev' - rence toward God,
Bar - b'ra and brave Ju - li - an - a fought a -
- gainst the foe, and they con - quered him might - i - ly
and so were deemed wor - thy of e - ter - nal glo - ry and re -
- nown from Christ our God. Hence, they
bring to nought all the ru - in of per - ni - cious
suff - rings, while grant - ing heal - ings
un - to all the faith - ful seek - ing help.

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3) When sweet death had been de - creed for thee, thou with ju - bi -
 - la - tion didst ur - gent - ly haste to fin - ish thy course,
 O Great Mar - tyr Bar - b'ra, most au - gust and
 ven' - ra - ble; and then thou by the wick - ed hands
 of thy god - less fa - ther wast both slain and of - fered un - to
 God as sac - ri - fice. Where - fore,
 as thou ver - i - ly danc - est in great joy with
 all the wise vir - gins, thou be -
 - hold - est Christ thy Bride - groom's shin - ing light.