

February 5th - Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily - Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried" - 2

2) Thou didst bear the burn - ing — of the fire, O glo - ri - ous
Ag - a - tha, and the sev - er - ing of thy breasts, and
scrap - ings most mer - ci - less of thy ten - der bod - y;
for thou hadst the gaze of thy heart fixed stead - fast - ly up - on
thē ev - er - last - ing re - wards and yon - der bliss, and
on the crown that fad - eth not, which Christ hath now grant - ed
un - to thee, since thou strov - est re - splen - dent - ly
for His sake, — O all - laud - ed one.

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3) Thou didst check the vi - o - lence of Et - na's wild and un -

- ru - ly fire by thy prayers; and thou didst pre - serve thy

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cit - y, which hon - or - eth thy most hal - lowed rel - ics,

whence it reap - eth riv - ers of heal - ings by the Spir - it's grace,

O bless - ed name - sake of good - ness right - ly named; for

when thou didst con - tend there - in, thou didst a - base the de -

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-spite - ful foe and didst win crowns of vic - to - ry,

O all - famed Mar - tyr Ag - a - tha.