

SEPTEMBER 24

Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thekla

Troparion — Tone 4

Thou wast enlightened by the words of Paul, O Thekla, **bride** of God; /
And confirmed in the Faith by Peter, O divinely **chosen** one. /
Armed with the **Cross** of Christ, /
Thou didst become the first martyr among **women**; /
The wild beasts in the arena stood in **awe** of thee /
As thou didst enter into the flames as though into a garden of **flowers**. ///
O praiseworthy protomartyr Thekla, intercede with Christ God that our **souls** may
be saved!

First Kontakion — Tone 8

Thou wast **adorned** with the **crown** of martyrdom, O Thekla most **glorious**, /
Shining forth with the **splendor** and **beauty** of thy virginity. /
Thou didst **entrust** thy**self** to the words of Paul and the flames **became** as dew, ///
And thou didst **vanquish** the **raging** tyrant, O first woman **martyr** of the Lord.

Second Kontakion — Tone 2

Having been **wounded** in thy heart with the **love** of Christ, /
Thou didst spurn the transient **pleasures** of the flesh. /
Thou didst **receive** enlightenment from the **counsel** of Paul, /
And didst brave the wild beasts and bravely entered **into** the flames, ///
O Thekla, the **glorious** first woman **martyr** of the Lord.