

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Day of May**  
**Holy Nun-Martyr Pelagía.**

**Vespers**

**At “Lord, I call...,” 3 stichera, in Tone 2: *To the melody, “Down from the tree...”***

**When** by the will of God thou wast instructed in divine words, /  
The seed of reason was planted in the furrows of thy heart, /  
And from this glorious and fertile soil, O blessed one, /  
Grew a harvest that multiplied a hundredfold ///  
Truly delighting with grace the hearts of those who faithfully honor thee.

**Forsaking** all the beauty of this world /  
Thou didst seek after the beauty of Christ, the only Lover of mankind; /  
Thou didst hasten to be baptized in the font of living waters, /  
And quenching thy thirst thou wast consumed with the thirst for martyrdom; /  
And eagerly entering into the brazen vessel which was then heated by fire ///  
Thou didst receive a blessed repose.

**Spurning** an earthly bridegroom, O glorious one, /  
Thou didst become the pure and chosen bride /  
Of Him, born of her who knew no wedlock; /  
And having set aright thy mind and clad in the purple of thy blood /  
Thou didst enter into eternal glory ///  
Wearing the garment of incorruption, O martyr Pelagía.

**Glory..., now and ever..., from the Pentecostarion.**

**The Troparion of the Martyr, in Tone 4:**

**O** Jesus, Thy lamb Pelagía /  
Cries out to Thee with great love: /  
“O my Bridegroom, I long for Thee in pain, /  
I am crucified with Thee, and in baptism buried with Thee; /  
I suffer for Thy sake in order to reign with Thee, /  
I die for Thee in order to live in Thee. /  
Accept me as a spotless victim /  
Since I am put to death because of my love for Thee.” ///  
Through her prayers, O Merciful One, save our souls.

4 MAY

**Matins**

**The Canon of the Martyr Pelagía, in Tone 8,**

*having the acrostic: “O Pelagía, I weave this hymn of praise for thee.”*

*— incomplete as of 3/2014*

**The Kontakion of the Martyr, in Tone 3:**

**D**espísing the things of this temporal life /  
O most-honored Pelagia, /  
Thou didst cóme to partake the things of heaven; /  
Bringing the stream of thy blood as a gift to the Master, Christ; /  
And from Him received a crown for thy sufferings: /  
Pray to Hím that we who venerate thy memory ///  
Be delivered from every trial and misfortune.

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