

Vesper Propers, September 24, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

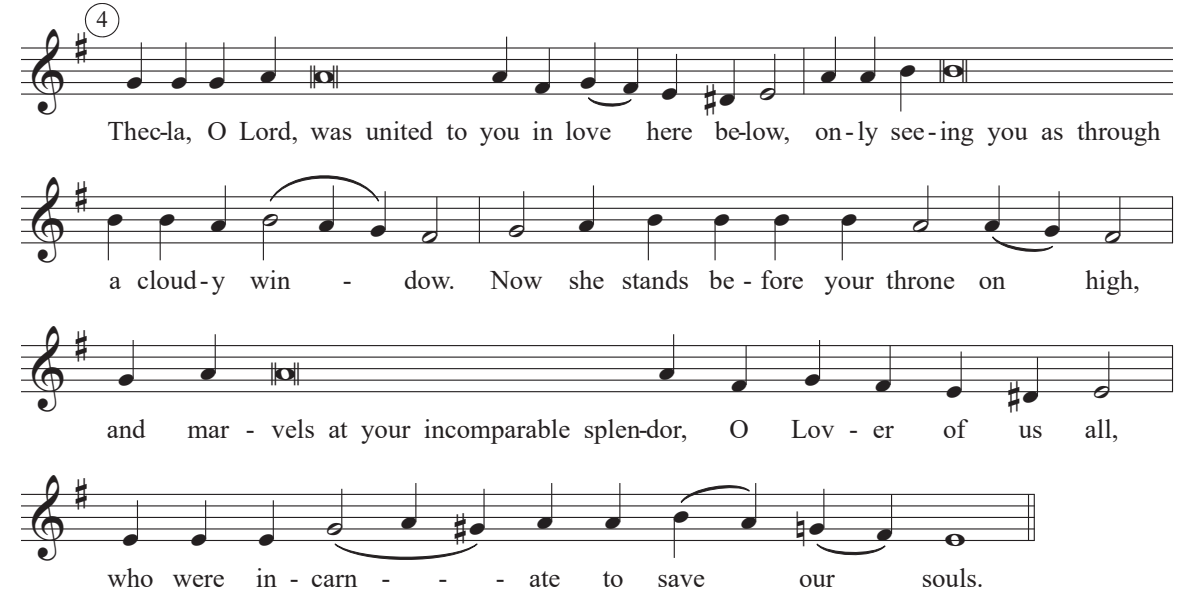
The holy martyr, first among women, and equal to the apostles, **Thecla**, who was converted to the faith by the preaching of the Apostle Paul, when he came to Iconium with Barnabas. Thecla became a follower of the apostle Paul, and went with him to Antioch. She settled in a solitary place near Seleucia, and was martyred by local physicians who were jealous over her gifts of healing. (51)

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 102), stichera 10-5.

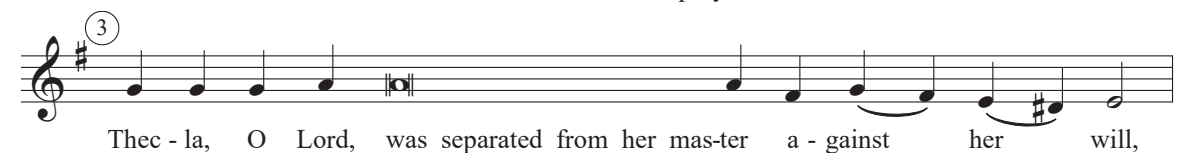
Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak,
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of the holy martyr Thecla - Tone 8 samohlasen



Thec-la, O Lord, was united to you in love here be-low, on-ly see-ing you as through
a cloud-y win - dow. Now she stands be - fore your throne on high,
and mar - vels at your incomparable splen-dor, O Lov - er of us all,
who were in - carn - - ate to save our souls.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.



Thec - la, O Lord, was separated from her mas-ter a - gainst her will,

but re - joiced in your presence at the hour of her pas - - - sion.

When stripped bare, your glo - ry cov - ered her. As now she is

crowned by your hand, may she pro - tect our souls.

Cantor: Praise the Lord all you nations; **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples.

Thec - la, O Lord, followed in the footsteps of the A - pos - tle in chains,

cast - ing off the chains of her earth - ly pas - sions; thus made cap - tive

by the pow'r of your love, she was firm - ly bound to you, O Sav - ior of our souls.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.
(on 1)

O Lord, your spot - less pro - to - mar - tyr was de - liv - ered o - ver to the fire,

but not burned as she possessed you as a re - fresh - ing dew. In the midst of

wild beasts, she re-mained safe pro-TECT-ed as she was by your hand,
 O Sav - ior of our souls.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy martyr Thecla - Tone 6 samohlasen

As an ath-lete in your strug-gles you overcame the enemy, O bless-ed Thec - la;
 in mar-tyr-dom, you de - stroyed his schemes. You fled far from Tha-my - ris
 in order to be espoused to Christ, your true Love. You were the com-pan-ion of
 Paul and im - itated Ste-phen in his trial. As the first woman to bear wit-ness to Christ,
 you have bold - ness be - fore him; save our souls from all dan - ger,
 as in faith we fes-tive - ly cel - e - brate your sa - cred mem - o - ry.

Cantor: (Tone 8) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 8. p. 107)

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 108), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy martyr Thecla - Tone 8 samohlasen

O a-pos-tle and pro-to-mar - tyr, you curbed the attacks of the wild beasts
and put off Thamyris in order to follow Christ, your Bride - groom.
And you cried out to him: I am drawn to the fragrance of your per - fume!
In like man - ner, with holy Paul as your com - pan - ion, you re - ceived
grace from heav - - - en and the crown of di - vine in - her - i - tance
from the judge of all strug - gles. You nev - er cease to in - ter - cede
that re - mis-sion of sins be grant - ed to the faithful celebrating your

sa - cred mem - o - ry.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 110).

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 8, p. 111).