

Vesper Propers, August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The translation of the relics of the holy protomartyr and archdeacon Stephen. Tradition says that the body of St. Stephen was taken by the Rabbi Gamaliel, a secret disciple of Christ’s, and buried in a cave in the town of Capargamala. In AD 415, Gamaliel appeared in a dream to the priest Lucian in that town, and revealed the burial place of the Protomartyr. They were later translated from Palestine to Constantinople.

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-5.

Cantor (on 4)



Let the watch-man count on day-break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

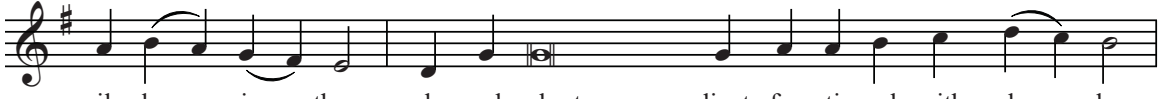
Stichera of the holy protomartyr Stephen - Tone 8 podoben: O preslavnaho čudese



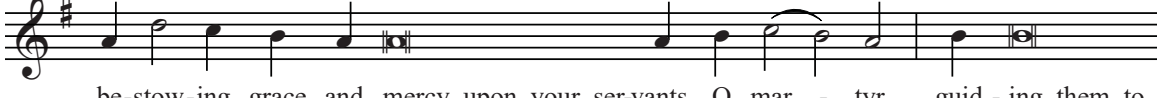
O Ste-phen, first among the mar-tyrs to suf - fer, foun-da - tion of those



who minister as deacons, cho-sen of the a - pos - tles: with un - wan-ing light,



il - lu - mine those who cel - ebrate your ra-diant fes - ti - val with splen - dor,



be-stow-ing grace and mercy upon your ser-vants, O mar - tyr, guid - ing them to



ev - er - last - ing life by your prayers.

Cantor (on 3)



Be-cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of re-demp-tion,



Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

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O Ste-phen, mar - tyr of Christ, you re-ceived upon your head a crown of grace



in ac-cord-ance with your name, hav - ing a - dorned your neck with a necklace



of vir-tues as with one of gold, you be-came an all-wise dwell-ing-place of wis - dom,



which you cher-ished, laying it up as some-thing you loved. There-fore, you have been



hon - ored with glo - ry and grace.

Cantor (on 2)

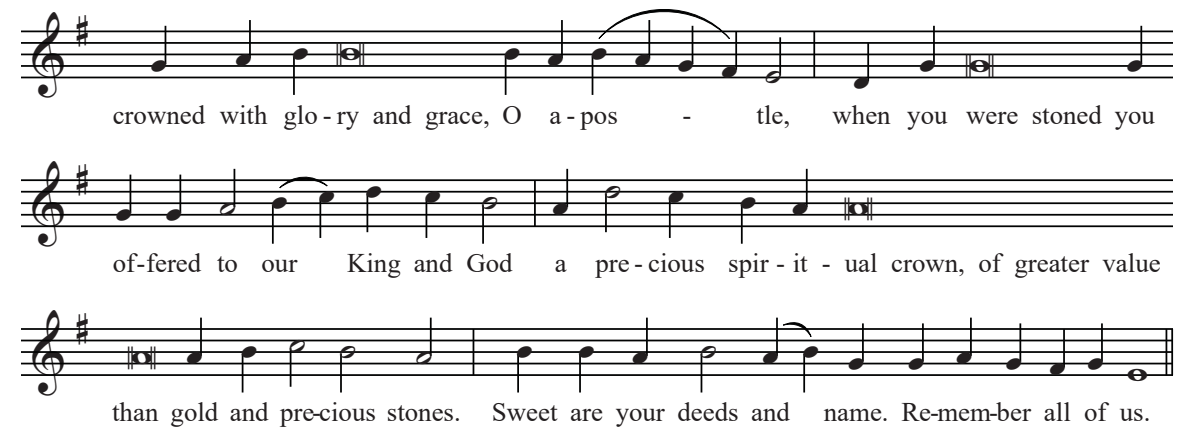


Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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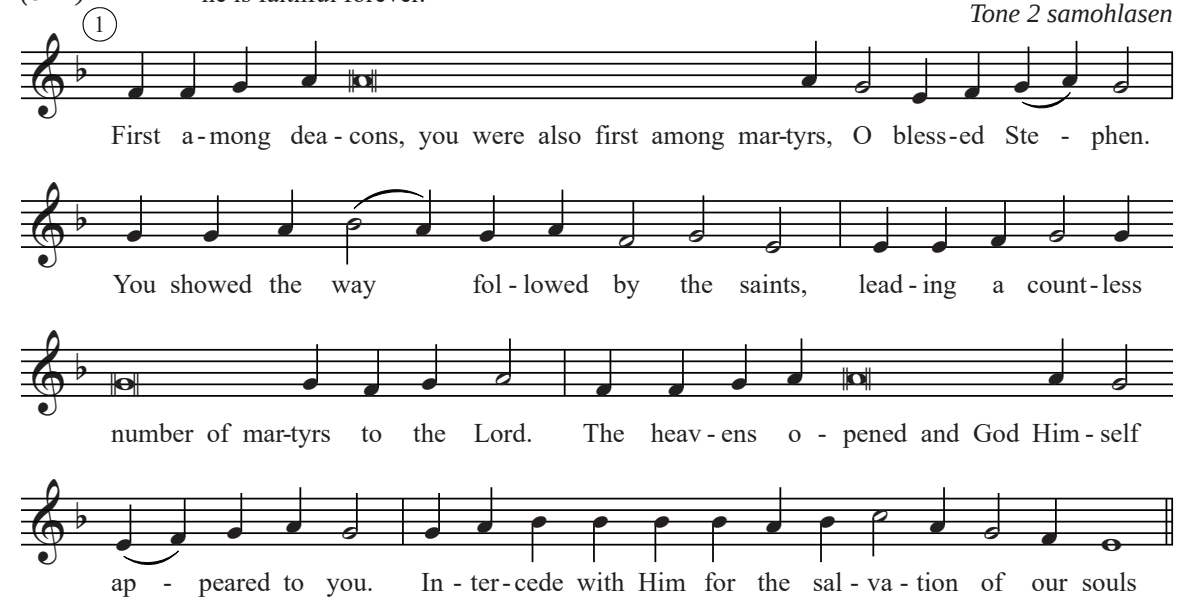


O most hon-ored Ste - - - phen, first of the mar-tyrs to suf - fer,



crowned with glo-ry and grace, O a-pos - tle, when you were stoned you
of-fered to our King and God a pre-cious spir - it - ual crown, of greater value
than gold and pre-cious stones. Sweet are your deeds and name. Re-mem-ber all of us.

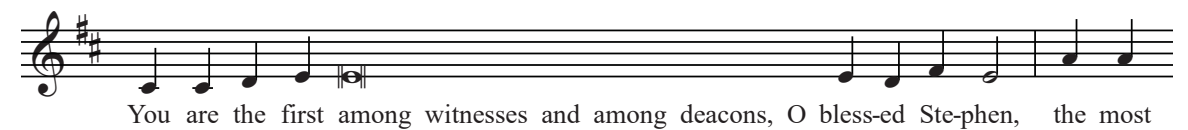
Cantor: (Tone 2) Strong is the love of the Lord for us;
(on 1) he is faithful forever.



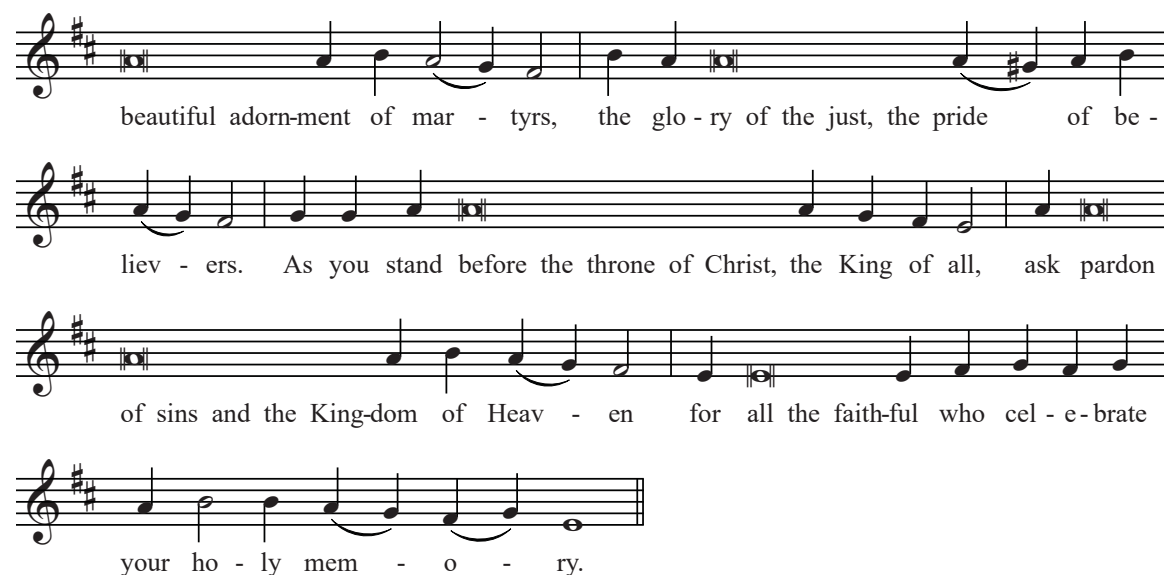
First a-mong dea-cons, you were also first among mar-tyrs, O bless-ed Ste - phen.
You showed the way fol-lowed by the saints, lead-ing a count-less
number of mar-tyrs to the Lord. The heav-ens o - pened and God Him - self
ap - peared to you. In - ter-cede with Him for the sal - va - tion of our souls

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon of the holy protomartyr Stephen - Tone 6 samohlasen



You are the first among witnesses and among deacons, O bless-ed Ste-phen, the most



beautiful adorn-ment of mar - tyrs, the glo - ry of the just, the pride of be -
liev - ers. As you stand before the throne of Christ, the King of all, ask pardon
of sins and the King-dom of Heav - en for all the faith-ful who cel - e-brate
your ho - ly mem - o - ry.

Cantor: (Tone 1) Now and ever...

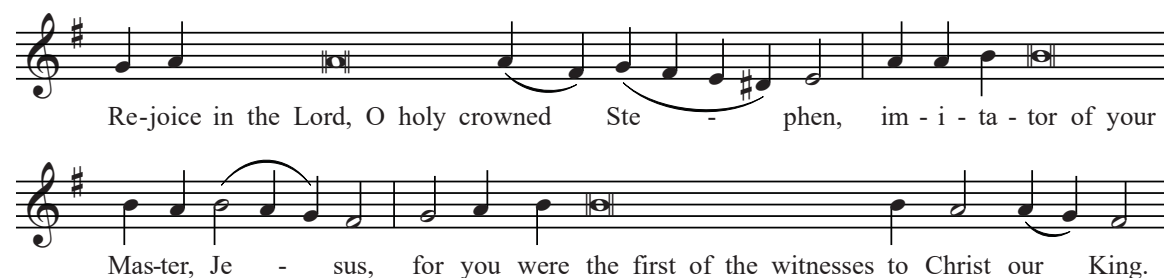
Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 30).

Aposticha

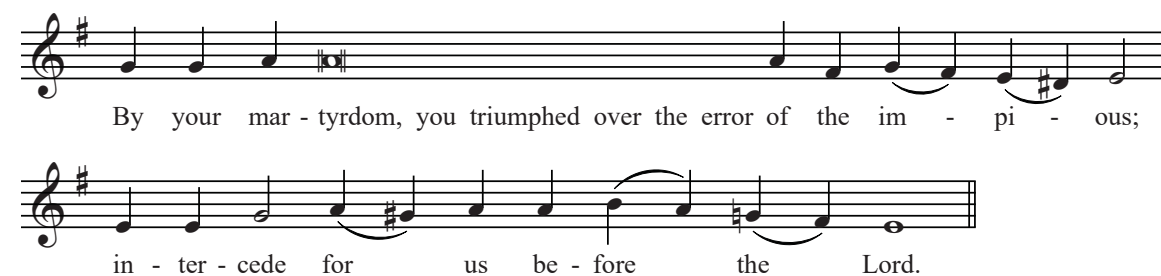
Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, page 31), concluding with:

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Aposticha doxastikon of the holy protomartyr Stephen - Tone 8 samohlasen



Re-joice in the Lord, O holy crowned Ste - phen, im - i - ta - tor of your
Mas-ter, Je - sus, for you were the first of the witnesses to Christ our King.



By your mar - tyrdom, you triumphed over the error of the im - pi - ous;
in - ter - cede for us be - fore the Lord.

Cantor: Now and ever...

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

O Virgin, you have never known wedlock, * yet you conceived our God in the flesh * in a manner which words can never describe. * You thus became the mother of God on high. * O Immaculate Lady, receive your servants' supplication, * granting us the cleansing of our sins. * Accept now our prayers and beseech God to save all of us.

The service continues on p. 19.

Troparia in the Tone of the week (Tone 1, p. 34).