

Vesper Propers, August 2, 2009
Ninth 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 8, p. 102), stichera 10-5.

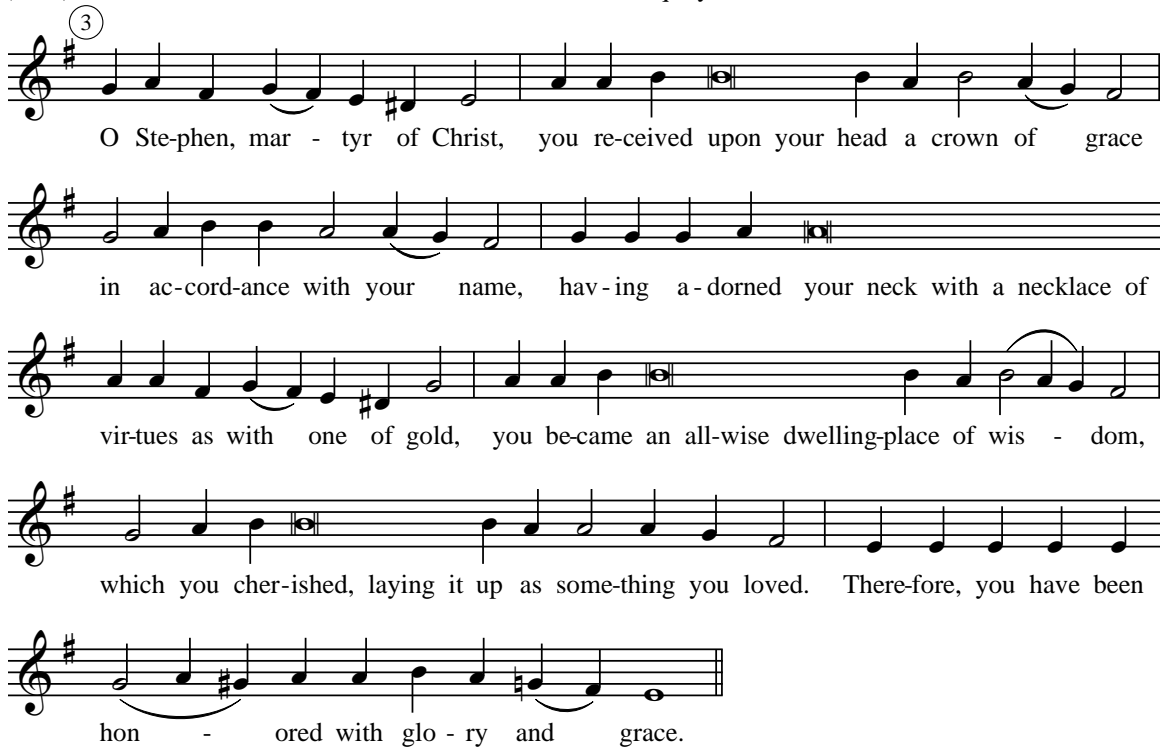
Cantor: Let the watchman count on daybreak
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

Stichera of the holy protomartyr Stephen - Tone 8 samohlasen

O Ste - phen, first among the mar - tyrs to suf - fer, foun - da - tion of those
who minister as deacons, chosen of the a - pos - tles: with un - wan - ing light,
il - lu - mine those who cel - ebrate your radiant festi - 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: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

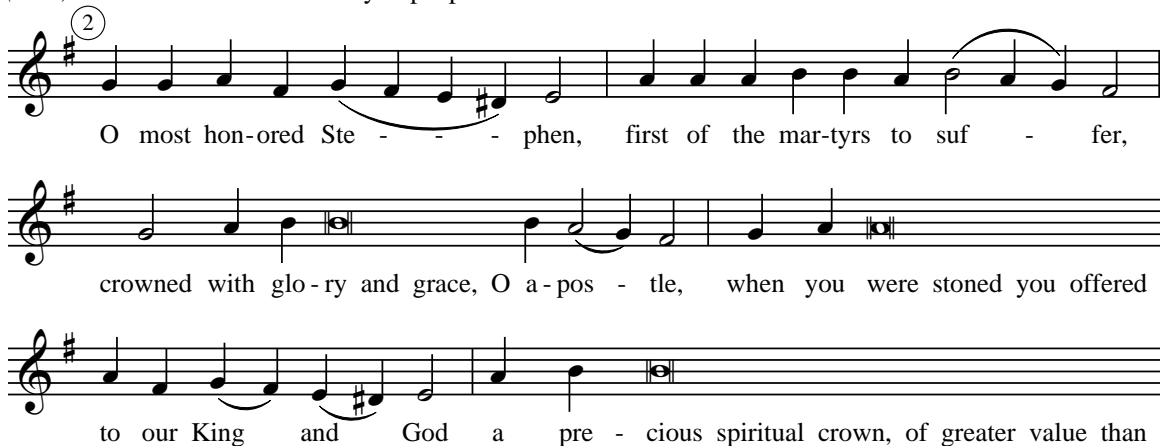
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O Ste-phen, mar - tyr of Christ, you re-ceived upon your head a crown of grace
in ac-cord-ance with your name, hav-ing a-dorned your neck with a necklace of
vir-tues as with one of gold, you be-came an all-wise dwelling-place of wis - dom,
which you cher-ished, laying it up as some-thing you loved. There-fore, you have been
hon - ored with glo - ry and grace.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations,
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

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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 offered
to our King and God a pre - cious spiritual 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.

① First a-mong dea-cons, you were also first among mar-tyrs, O bless-ed Ste - phen. *Tone 2 samohlasen*

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 8) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 107)

Aposticha

Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, page 108), 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), page 110.

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