1. The most elect and foremost of all the Deacons
2. The ranks on high stand trembling in fear before Christ,

became the first of Martyrs to end his course well;
unable to behold the transcendent brightness

and behold, now, Stephen, who was full of grace, of His inexpressible Divinity;
is found again and cometh to
yet thou didst hold Him in thy womb

the Queen of Cities, while making
when He took flesh from thine honored

the grace of wonders to gush forth.

and holy blood, O pure Virgin.