

August 2nd

Relics Translation of Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon

Stichera at the Praises

Byzantine Chant Tone/Mode 4
Special Melody: *Unto them that fear thee*

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E Un. E

1) As an earth - ly an - gel, now the first of Mar - tyrs is

lift - ed up to the Heav - ens in swift as - cent; so

G E

much as he can en - dure, he doth see God's glo - ry,

learn - ing the deep mys - ter - ies of thē un - ap - proch - a - ble,

in - com - pre - hen - si - ble Ho - ly Trin - i - ty. He

there - fore doth pro - claim Thy pow - er, which tran - scend - eth the

G E

mind of man, O my Je - sus, Al - might - y Lord,

Thou di - vine Sav - ior of our souls.

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2) O all - laud - ed Ste - phen, first of Mar - tyrs, thou wast ex -
 - ceed - ing fair at thy hal - lowed as - cent on high, a -
 - dorned with the shin - ing beams of thy God - like grac - es
 and thy gifts of heal - ing. Hence, with thy man - y mir - a - cles
 thou dost il - lu - mine all tru - ly faith - ful men who
 of - fer hymns in faith un - to the Friend of man, and say
 un - to Him: O my Je - sus, Al - might - y Lord,
 Thou di - vine Sav - ior of our souls.

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E Un. E

3) O First Mar - tyr Ste - phen, thy blest tongue be - came a most

pre - cious pen swift - ly writ - ing of pi - e - ty, where -

G E

- by thou hast filled all men with il - lu - mi - na - tion,

through thy god - ly teach - ings; and thou hast led us all on high

from out of ig - no - rance un - to pi - e - ty. And

there - fore, as we cel - e - brate with joy thine an - nu - al

G E

fes - ti - val, we re - vere and ex - tol in song

thy great con - tests and brav - er - ry.