October 28th

Venerable Stephen of Mar Sabbas Monastery in Palestine

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Chant Tone 8
Special melody: O strange wonder

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1) O Father Stephen, God-bearing Saint, by fortifying thy mind with divine knowledge brilliantly, curbing wrath with manliness,

and desire with sobriety, thou didst direct all the powers of thy soul by means of righteousness wrought through godly deeds,

and didst devise a fair chariot of virtues,

whereon thou didst mount and ascend on high in joy,

O thou most righteous one.
2) O Father Stephen of godly speech, thou didst illuminate thy mind with the light of theology, sending forth thy righteous wrath as a spear-bearing warrior against profane and blasphemying heresies; for thou didst long for divine delight on high, which thou hast been vouchsafed to enjoy, O blest and righteous man of God, standing at the throne of the Almighty King of all.
3) O Father Stephen of godly speech, through zealous absti - nence, thou didst in all ways en - 
rich thy mind, mak - ing it to mount on high
to the Pri - mal Cause, è ven God. Calm - ing the trou - bling of pas - sions per - fect - ly and shak - ing off all con - cerns and tur - bu - lence, in thy mind's pu - ri - ty thou wast joined for ev - er to Him that in truth is the sum of all de - 
-sires, O wise and god - ly Saint.