

December 27th

Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

(Also sung on August 2nd for the recovery of his sacred relics.)

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: *As one valiant*

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The musical score is written in a single system with eight staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is marked with 'E' and 'Un.' above the first staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens. The score ends with a double bar line.

1) Since thy mind had been made to shine with the grace of the
Com - fort - er, thou wast seen to be as an
An - gel out - ward - ly; for through thy bod - y, O
Ste - phen, was thine in - ward light shed a - broad,
which made plain for all to see that most fair bright - ness
of thy soul, through which thou didst find the di - vine light of
vi - sion when the Heav - ens o - pened won - drous - ly be -
- fore thee, thou boast and first - fruits of mar - tyred Saints.

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E Un.

2) The thick show - ers of stones be - came loft - y lad - ders and

E

steps to thee, for as - cent to Heav - en; and

mount - ing there - up - on, thou saw - est stand - ing at

God the Fa - ther's right hand the Lord of all

with His quick - en - ing right hand hold - ing out un - to

thee the crown for which thou art named. Now, O Ste - phen, thou

G

stand - est in His pres - ence as a vic - tor in the

E

con - test and as thē ath - letes' most loft - y peak.

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E Un.

3) Flash - ing bright - ly with won - drous signs, and with doc - trines and

E

mir - a - cles, thou didst quell the coun - cil of

thē in - iq - ui - tous; and as they stoned thee to

death, thou mād - est prayer___ for thy mur - der - ers,

that the Lord for - give their sin; and in this,___ thou didst

im - i - tate Christ the Sav - ior's words; then, O Ste - phen, didst

G

thou com - mit thine hon - 'ra - ble and tru - ly sa - cred

E

spir - it in - to His hands___ and didst fall a - sleep.