1) Since thy mind had been made to shine with the grace of the Comforter, thou wast seen to be as an Angel outwardly; for through thy body, O Stephen, was thine inward light shed abroad, which made plain for all to see that most fair brightness of thy soul, through which thou didst find the divine light of vision when the Heavens opened wonderfully before thee, thou boast and first fruits of martyred Saints.

2) The thick showers of stones became lofty ladders and steps to thee, for ascent to Heaven; and mounting thereupon, thou sawest standing at God the Father's right hand the Lord of all with His quickening right hand holding out unto thee the crown for which thou art named. Now, O Stephen, thou standest in His presence as a victor in the contest and as the athletes' most lofty peak.
3) Flashing brightly with wondrous signs, and with doctrines and miracles, thou didst quell the council of the iniquitous; and as they stoned thee to death, thou madest prayer for thy murderers, that the Lord forgive their sin; and in this, thou didst imitate Christ the Savior's words; then, O Stephen, didst thou commit thine honorable and truly sacred spirit into His hands and didst fall asleep.