

December 27th  
(Also sung on August 2nd for the Recovery of his sacred relics)

## Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon

### Apolytikion

Byzantine Tone 4

Special Melody: *Be quick to anticipate*

The crown of the King - dom hath a - dorned the  
brow of thy head be - cause of the con - tests  
that thou hast en - dured for Christ God, thou first of the  
mar - tyred saints; for when thou hadst cen - sured the Jews'  
mad - ness, thou saw - est Christ thy Sav - ior stand - ing at the  
right hand of the Fa - ter. O Ste - phen, ev - er  
pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.