

November 28th

Venerable-martyr Stephen the New Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Tone 6/Plagal Second Mode
Special Melody: *Having laid up all their hope*

1) Be - ing whol - ly set a - part un - to the Lord from thy
child - hood, thou didst far tran - scend the flesh
and ev - 'ry af - fin - i - ty with the fal - len world;
the Di - vine Spir - it's pure ves - sel thou be - cam - - - est,
Fa - ther Ste - - - phen, and a peer - less monk;
for hav - ing shut thy - self in a nar - row dwell - ing, O bless - ed one,
thou gav - est wings un - to thy mind,
which soared up and saw thē in - ef - fa - ble

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the Plagal Second Mode of Byzantine Tone 6. The score consists of eight lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. Chord symbols G, E, and F are placed above the staff at various points. The lyrics are: "1) Be - ing whol - ly set a - part un - to the Lord from thy child - hood, thou didst far tran - scend the flesh and ev - 'ry af - fin - i - ty with the fal - len world; the Di - vine Spir - it's pure ves - sel thou be - cam - - - est, Fa - ther Ste - - - phen, and a peer - less monk; for hav - ing shut thy - self in a nar - row dwell - ing, O bless - ed one, thou gav - est wings un - to thy mind, which soared up and saw thē in - ef - fa - ble".

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G E G
beau - ty in the Heav - - - ens of Christ our King and

God; and wor - ship - ping His ho - ly like - ness, O sa - cred one,

F E
stead - fast - ly didst thou con - tend.

G
2) Held in pris - on, thou didst fast for for - ty days like the

Mas - ter; so didst thou pre - pare thy - self

E
for thy con - test soon to come and thy mar - tyr - dom,

G
O thou strong staff of monks, sa - cred Fa - ther Ste - - - phen,

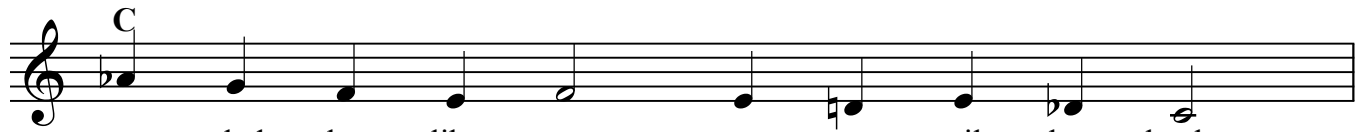
F
thou a - dorn - - - ment of the Mar - tyr - s' hosts.



Where - fore, the mer - ci - less fell up - on thee wild - ly like sav - age beasts,



and drag - ging thee, un - just - ly they



man - gled thee like un - to a guile - less lamb;



and a - mong the law - - - less they bur - ied thee when



thou hadst stead - fast - ly con - test - ed; now, with great bold - ness thou



pray - est in our souls' be - half.



3) Law-less peo - ple sub - ject to the law - less ty - rant's trans -



- gres - sions spared thee not, O right - eous one,

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when they stoned thee like the First Mar - tyr of the Lord;

and thine all - ho - ly head did they crush, O Fa - - - ther;

and then as _____ they dragged thee through the streets

with bru - tal sav - age - ry, they spilled out thy bow - els and in - ward parts,

thus show - ing thee no clem - en - cy

e - ven af - ter death, O all - bless - ed one.

O thy man - ly cour - - - age! O staunch re - solve, O

pa - tience pas - sing great! where - by, O Ste - phen, thou hast re - ceived

crowns that nev - er _____ fade _____ a - way. _____