

AUG 2 Relics of the Holy Apostle and Protomartyr Stephen

TROPAR - Tone 4

O protomartyr Stephen, /
Thy head was adorned with a royal crown for thy suffering for
 Christ our God; /
For having denounced the outrage of the impious /
Thou didst behold thy Savior at the right hand of the Father. ///
Entreat Him now for the salvation of our souls.

KONTAKION - Tone 8

O blessèd protomartyr Stephen, worthy of all praise, /
Thou wast the first to be planted in the earth by the
 divine Gardener. /
And being the very first to have shed his blood for Him ///
Thou didst become the first to receive the crown of victory from
 Christ in heaven.