

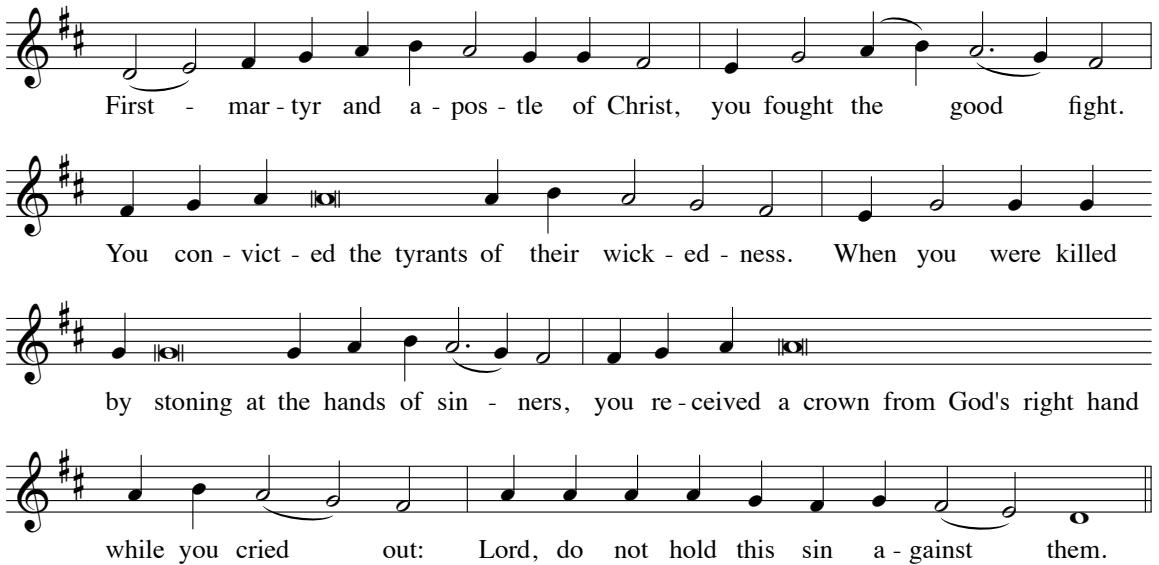
DIVINE LITURGY PROPERs FOR AUGUST 1ST

Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church

The procession of the Wood of the venerable and life-creating Cross. This feast established in the reign of the Greek Emperor Manuel, as a memorial of Greek victory over the Saracens. The procession with the relic of the Precious Cross was made from the imperial palace to the church of Hagia Sophia; there the relic remained for fourteen days, and was then carried back in procession to the church in the palace grounds.

The holy seven Maccabees, their mother Solomonias, and the elder Eleazar at Antioch in Syria, under Antiochus Epiphanes the king. For the sake of keeping the law of the Lord with unconquered faith, they were cruelly handed over to death with their mother. She suffered with her sons as they were martyred, one by one, and was crowned with them, as it is written in the second book of the Maccabees [2 Mac. 7].

Troparion of the Patron of the Church – The holy apostle, martyr, and deacon Stephen – Tone 4



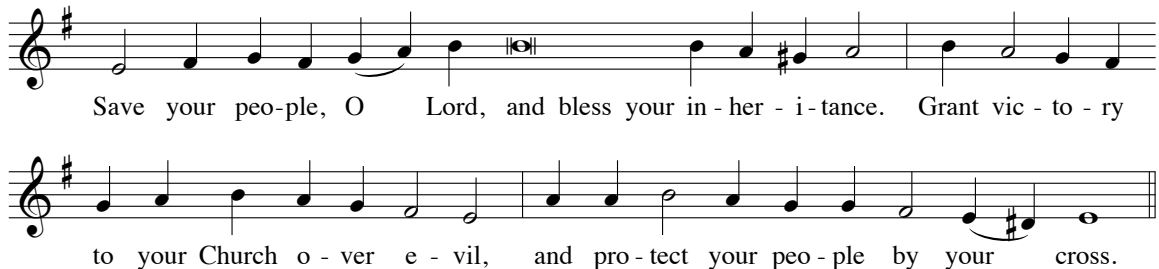
First - mar - tyr and a - pos - tle of Christ, you fought the good fight.

You con - vict - ed the tyrants of their wick - ed - ness. When you were killed

by stoning at the hands of sin - ners, you re - ceived a crown from God's right hand

while you cried out: Lord, do not hold this sin a - gainst them.

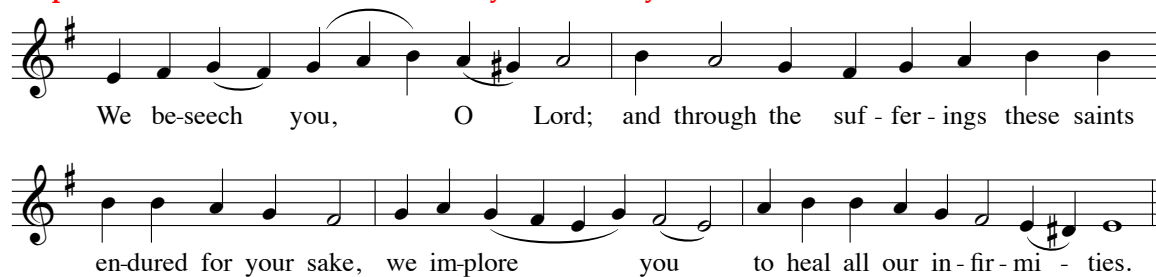
Troparion of the first Saint of the Day – The Cross – Tone 1



Save your peo-ple, O Lord, and bless your in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ry

to your Church o - ver e - vil, and pro - tect your peo - ple by your cross.

Troparion of the second Saint of the Day – The Martyrs – Tone 1



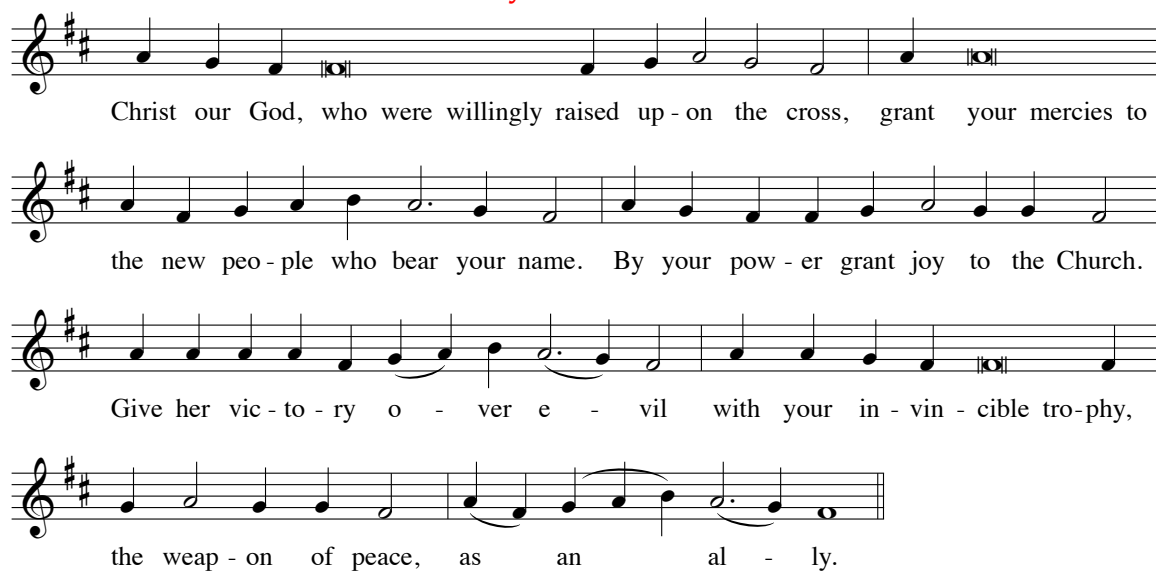
We be-seech you, O Lord; and through the suf-fer-ings these saints
en-dured for your sake, we im-plore you to heal all our in-fir-mi-ties.

Cantor (Tone 4):



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

Kontakion of the first Saint of the Day – The Cross – Tone 4



Christ our God, who were willingly raised up-on the cross, grant your mercies to
the new peo-ple who bear your name. By your pow-er grant joy to the Church.
Give her vic-to-ry o-ver e-vil with your in-vin-cible tro-phy,
the weap-on of peace, as an al-ly.

Cantor (Tone 6):



Now and ev-er and for-ev-er. A-men.

Theotokion – Tone 6:



Stead-fast Pro-tec-tress of Chris-tians, un-shak-able Mediatrix before the

Cre - a - tor, do not de - spise the prayerful voic-es of sin - ners;
 but in your good - ness hurry to assist those who faithful-ly cry out to you.
 Has - ten to in - tercede and heed our sup - pli - ca - tion,
 in - ter - ced - ing always, Theotokos, in behalf of those who hon - or you.

Prokeimenon of the Cross - Tone 7 (Psalm 98:5,1):

Ex - alt the Lord, the Lord our God and wor-ship at his
 foot - stool; for he is ho - ly, for he is ho - ly.

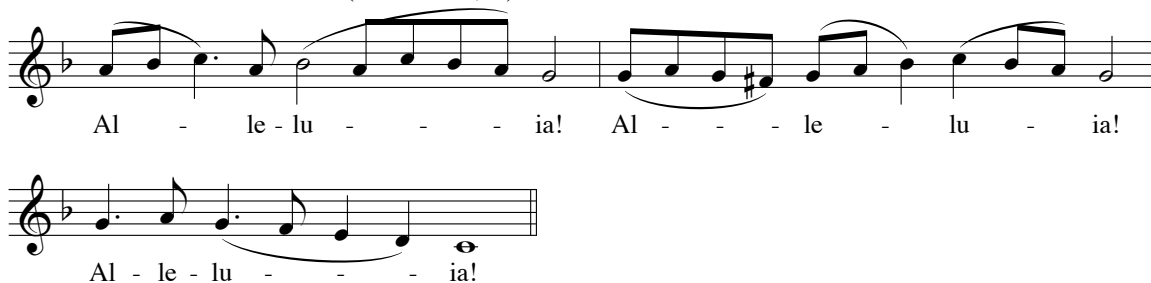
Verse: The Lord is King; let the peoples rage.

Immediately after the verse continue:

Prokeimenon of the Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 15:3,8):

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the
 won - ders of his will.

Alleluia of the Cross - Tone 1 (Psalm 73:2,12):



Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Verse: Remember your flock which you acquired long ago.

Verse: God is our King from all ages; he has accomplished salvation in the middle of the earth.

Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from

Communion Hymn of the Cross (Psalm 4:7):

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We have been signed, O Lord, with the light of your face. We have been

signed, O Lord, with the light of your face, the light of your face.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Communion Hymn of the Martyrs (Psalm 32:1):

C



Re - joice in the Lord, re - joice in the Lord, you right-eous ones.

praise from the up - right, the up-right is fit - ting, is fit - ting.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al le - lu - ia!