

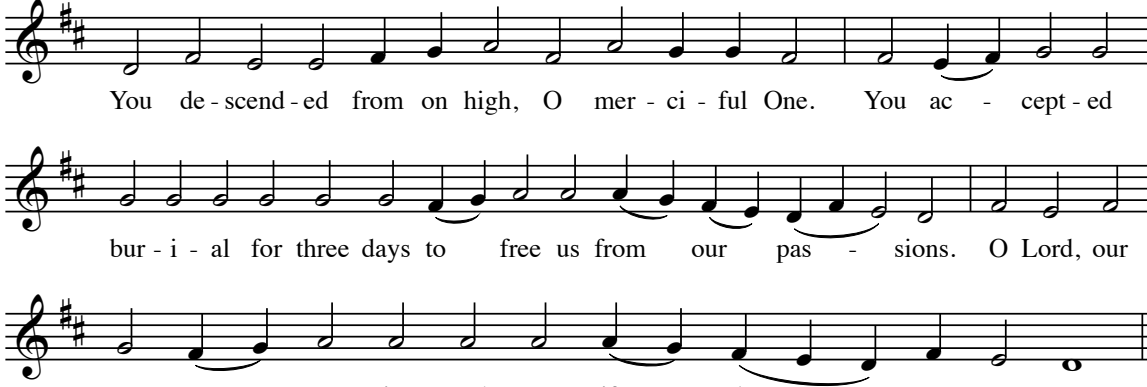
# THIRD HOUR PROPER FOR AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2020

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**1**  **The translation of the relics of the holy protomartyr and archdeacon Stephen.**

Tradition says that the body of St. Stephen was taken by the Rabbi Gamaliel, a secret disciple of Christ's, and buried in a cave in the town of Capargamala. In AD 415, Gamaliel appeared in a dream to the priest Lucian in that town, and revealed the burial place of the Protomartyr. They were later translated from Palestine to Constantinople. **Our venerable father Basil, fool for Christ**, in Moscow. At the age of sixteen, he gave himself as a fool for Christ, and preserved in asceticism for seventy-two years. He set sinners on the right way, reprimanded the nobles, and had insight into distant events. The great cathedral in Red Square in Moscow is dedicated to him. (1552)

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 8**



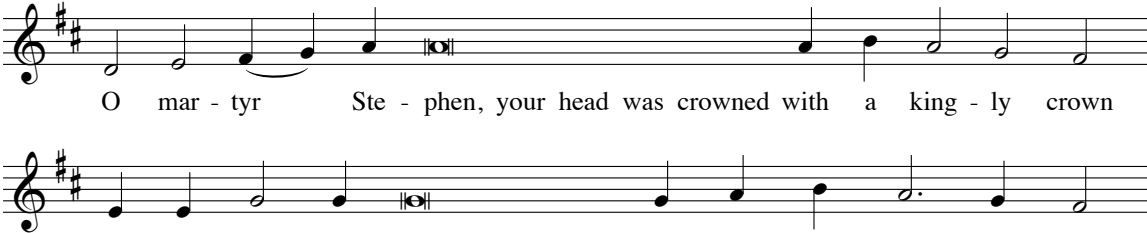
You de - scend - ed from on high, O mer - ci - ful One. You ac - cept - ed  
bur - i - al for three days to free us from our pas - sions. O Lord, our  
Res - ur - rec - tion and our Life, glo - - - ry to you.

**Cantor (Tone 4):**

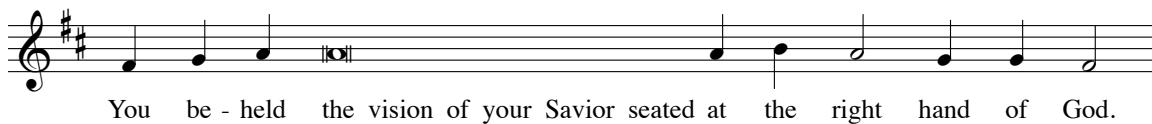


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

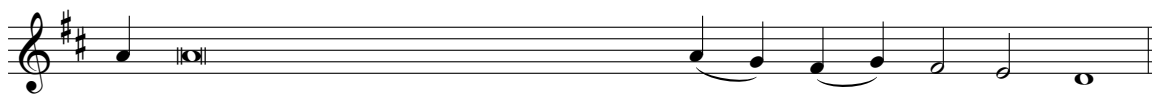
**Troparion - Tone 4**



O mar - tyr Ste - phen, your head was crowned with a king - ly crown  
on ac - count of all the struggles you en - dured for Christ our God.



You be - held the vision of your Savior seated at the right hand of God.



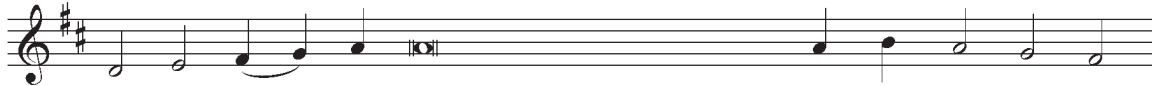
Do not cease to intercede with him for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

**Cantor (Tone 4):**



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

**Theotokion of Third Hour – Tone 4:**



O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of Life;



where - fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede



to - gether with the apos - tles and all the saints that we may obtain mer - cy



for our souls.

*Third Hour continues with "May the Lord God be blessed..." on p. 9*

**Kontakion - Tone 6**



O bless - ed Ste - phen wor - thy of all praise, you are the ver - y first to have been



planted in the earth by the Di - vine Gar - den - er, the ver - y first to have shed your



blood for Christ, the ver - y first to have been crowned with the crown of victory by



Christ in heav - en, You are the first to have suffered for Christ and to have



re - ceived a mar - tyr's re - ward

*Third Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 11*

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<sup>1</sup>Format 15: Sunday and a Saint with Six Stichera