

TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF THE PROTOMARTYR AND ARCHDEACON STEPHEN (CA. 428)

Kontakion - Tone 6

Abbreviated Kievan Chant

Soprano
Alto

Thou wast the first to be sown on the earth by

Tenor
Bass

the Heavenly Husbandman, O all - praised one. Thou wast

the first to shed thy blood on the earth for Christ,

O bless - ed* one. Thou wast the first to receive the

crown of victory from Him in heav - en, //

* Can also be pronounced as *blest*.

[Stephen, first of the...]

Ste-phen, first of the suffering God-crowned mar - tyrs.

The image shows a musical score for a Kontakion. It consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by a sharp sign on the F line. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are: "Ste-phen, first of the suffering God-crowned mar - tyrs." The text is centered between the two staves. The music features a series of chords and single notes, with some notes tied across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.