

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

## Kontakion - Tone 6

Russian Imperial Court Chant  
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

Thou wast the first to be sown on the earth by

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 chant. 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 treble staff begins with a treble clef and a sharp sign. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a sharp sign. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens under 'Ste-phen', 'mar - tyrs.', and 'God-crowned'. The melody is primarily composed of quarter notes and half notes, with some rests. The piece ends with a double bar line.