

**St. Stephen the First-Crowned, King of Serbia
(Simon the Monk) - 1224 A.D.**

Troparion

Tone 3

Serbian Chant
arr. P. Drobac

From thy youth thou didst love God and didst hold the scep - ter of
thy coun - try; in this life thou didst strug - gle cou -
ra - geous - ly; through earth - ly things thou didst in - her -
it the heav'n - ly as a gift from the great Giv - er of gifts;
thou didst yearn for the mo - nas - tic life and,
hav - ing ob-tained it, thou didst re - pose soon af -
- - ter, yet thy bod - y was pre - served in - cor -
rupt, as one mere - ly a - sleep. There - - fore
we pray to thee, be - seech Christ
God to save those who hon - our thee.