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

Kontakion - Tone 6

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

You were the first to be sown on the earth by
the Heavenly Husbandman, O all-praised one. You were
the first to shed your blood on the earth for Christ,
O blessed* one. You were the first to receive
the crown of victory from Him in heaven,

* Can also be pronounced as blest. [Stephen, first of the...]
2 August - Kontakion [Imperial Chapel Chant]

Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.
“Glory...” & “Now and ever...”
as sung before Troparia and Kontakia
Tone 6

1. “Glory...” alone.

2. “Now and ever...” alone.


Note: “Glory...” and/or “Now and ever...” is sung in the Tone and melody that follows.