

26th Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 1)
Venerable Martyr Stephen the New
Ephesians 4: 1 – 6 Luke 13: 10 – 17

Beatitude Verses

6 from Octoechos for Resurrection
4 from Menaion from Matins Canon Ode 3 for Hieromartyr

People: In Your kingdom remember us, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted!

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth!

Reader: The enemy lead Adam out of Paradise through food; but by the Cross, Christ has led back to Paradise the Wise Robber who cried: Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled!

Reader: With Adam and the Wise Robber, I venerate Your suffering and glorify Your resurrection; and I cry out with a splendid voice: Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

People: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy!

Reader: O Sinless Lord, of Your own will You were crucified and placed in the tomb, yet You arose as God, raising up also Adam who cries out: Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

People: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God!

Reader: O Christ God, raising up the temple Your body by Your resurrection on the third day, You raised up Adam and his descendants who cry: Remember me when You come into Your kingdom!

People: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God!

Reader: O Christ God, the myrrh-bearing women arrived very early, weeping at Your tomb, and they found an angel sitting there, clothed in white garments who said: What are you searching for? Christ is risen! Do not lament any longer!

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

Reader: O Savior, when Your apostles went to the mountain where You had commanded them to go, they worshipped You; and You sent them to the nations, to teach and baptize them.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake!

Reader: O Father Stephen, made beautiful through gazing upon God, your mind was also shown to be most beautiful, truly filled with every grace, and partaking of divine splendor.

People: Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven!

Reader: O blessed Stephen, venerating the precious icon of Christ and her who gave birth to Him, with the power of the divine Spirit you despised the vile command of the impious emperor.

People: **Glory** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The most mindless emperor bound you with iron chains O most blessed Stephen who possess a heart of iron, and he sent you to prison for preserving of the dogmas of Christ.

People: **Now** and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Reader: From you, the only pure Lady, was the all-divine Word incarnate, as is known; and He has saved from corruption us who worship His divine condescension, in that He is full of loving-kindness.

Troparia & Kontakia

Resurrection Troparion Tone 1

People:
When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, /
And the soldiers were guarding Your immaculate Body. /
You rose on the third day O Saviour, /
Granting Life to the world. /
Therefore the Heavenly Powers cried to You O Giver-of-Life: /
Glory to Your Resurrection O Christ, //
Glory to Your Kingdom, //
Glory to Your Dispensation, O only Lover-of-mankind!

Troparion of Venerable Martyr Stephen
Tone 4

People:

Struggling in fasting upon the mountain, /
you slew the noetic hordes of the enemy /
with the weapon of the Cross, /
and manfully armed yourself again for martyrdom, /
slaying Copronymus with the sword of the Faith. /
And for both you have been crowned by God, //
O ever-memorable venerable-martyr Stephen.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion of Venerable Martyr Stephen
Tone 3

People:

From a barren woman you grew forth,
O venerable father Stephen, /
namesake of the first martyr; /
and you were shown to be a great instructor of monks, /
unafraid of the wrath of the emperor /
who refused to venerate the image of Christ. //
Therefore, in dying you received the crown of martyrdom.

People: Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion of the Resurrection
Tone 1

People:

As God, You arose from the tomb in glory, /
And You raised the world together with Yourself. /
Mortal nature praises You as God, /
And death is vanished. /
Now Adam exults, O Master, /
Eve rejoices, being freed from chains, and cries: /
Glory to You O Christ our God, //
Who grants resurrection to all.

Resurrection Prokeimenon
Tone 1

Deacon: Let us attend.

Priest: Peace be to all.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the 1st Tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

People: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

Reader: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.

People: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You.

Reader: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

People: Just as we hope in You.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.

Deacon: Let us attend.

Epistle

Reader: **Ephesians 5: 8 – 19**

Priest: Peace be to you the reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Alleluiarion Tone 8

Reader: Alleluia in the 8th Tone.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Come, let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; let us shout aloud to God our Savior.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Reader: Let us come before His face with thanksgiving, and let us shout aloud to Him with psalms.

People: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Deacon: Bless Master, him who proclaims the Holy Gospel of the Holy, Apostle and Evangelist Luke.

Priest: May God, through the intercessions of the holy, glorious, all praised Apostle and Evangelist Luke, enable you to proclaim the Good News with great power, for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Wisdom! Arise! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be to all.

People: And to your spirit.

Deacon: The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

People: Glory to You, O Lord, glory to You.

Priest: Let us attend.

Deacon: **Luke 13: 10 – 17**

People: Glory to You, Lord, glory to You.

Communion Verse (Koinonikon)

People:

Resurrection: Praise the Lord in the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Martyr: The righteous will be in eternal remembrance. They will not be afraid of evil news.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.