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TODAY'S SAINTS

Transfer of the Relics of the Holy Protomartyr Stephen from Jerusalem to Constantinople (AD 428); Hieromartyr Stephen, Pope of Rome; Finding of the Relics of Ss. Nicodemus, Gamaliel, and Abibus; Blessed Basil of Moscow, "Fool-for-Christ"; St. Eusebius, Bishop of Vercelli; Martyr Rutilius; St. Maximus, Bishop of Padua; Virgin-martyr Sidwell of Exeter; St. Boetharius, Bishop of Chartres; St. Plegmund, Archbishop of Canterbury

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SEVEN

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. / To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. / For the myrrh-bearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, / and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, / to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION OF ST. STEPHEN'S RELICS IN TONE FOUR

Your relics have risen from the depths of the earth, / like a treasury for the immortal life of all of creation. / The Church, rejoicing in the grace that she receives from them, / duteously honors you, Protomartyr Stephen. // Preserve us from error and heresy by your intercession!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SEVEN

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, / for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. / Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: / "The Savior has come to those in faith; // enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
v. Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (1:10-18)

Brethren, I appeal to you, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I baptized

none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest anyone should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE SEVEN

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High.

v. To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:14-22)

As he went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

BLESSING OF GRAPES & OTHER FRUITS

Due to social distancing protocols, the blessing of grapes and other fruits on Transfiguration (August 6th) this year will be done in the parking lot after the dismissal of Divine Liturgy. You will need to stand by your vehicle holding your fruit baskets while Fr. Sophrony individually blesses each in its turn.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

6:00 PM (Wednesday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:00 AM (Thursday) – Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

8:50 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

“The best presents don't come in boxes.”

— Bill Watterson, The Calvin and Hobbes Lazy Sunday Book