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**ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

Sunday, August 2, 2020

8th Sunday after Pentecost

**Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and
Archdeacon Stephen**



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers 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.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Protomartyr Stephen)*

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

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

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!"

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Protomartyr Stephen)*

Thou wast the first to be sown on the earth by the Heavenly Husbandman, O all-praised one, and wast the first to shed thy blood on the earth for Christ, O blessed one. Thou wast the first to receive the crown of victory from Him in heaven,// O Stephen, first of the suffering God-crowned martyrs.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. **11** For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. **12** Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." **13** Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? **14** I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15** lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. **16** Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. **18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22

14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. **15** When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." **16** But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." **17** And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." **18** He said, "Bring them here to Me." **19** Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke

and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. **20** So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. **21** Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. **22** Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Many Years!

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| <i>Birthdays</i> | 2 | Mason Hough |
| | 8 | Susie Savage |
| <i>Anniversaries</i> | 6 | Fr. Theophan & Pres. Elena |

Announcements for Sunday, August 2, 2020:

- Dormition Fast
- Family Church School Survey
- Next week we will be opening the Parish Hall for socially distanced “overflow” for Sunday Liturgies.
 - This means an additional 40 ppl can come and participate in the Liturgy on the church property via live-stream in the parish hall.

Services & Classes this week:

- Wednesday 8/5 @ 6 pm Vigil for the Great Feast of Transfiguration
- Thursday 8/6 @ 9 am Festal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Transfiguration (bring fruit!)
- Saturday 8/8 @ 6 pm Great Vespers