

Hymns & Readings Sunday August 2nd, 2020
8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7.
Translation of the Relics of the Protomartyr and
Archdeacon Stephen from Jerusalem to
Constantinople (ca. 428)

Blessed Basil of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (1552).



Troparion, Resurrection - Tone 7

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!

Troparion, Protomartyr Stephen - Tone 4

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!

Kontakion, Resurrection - Tone 7

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!

verse: **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

Kontakion, Protomartyr Stephen - Tone 6

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.

verse: **now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Theotokion - Tone 6

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,
Constant Advocate before the Creator,
despise not the cry of us sinners,
but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call on thee in faith.
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, / O Theotokos, //
For Thou dost always protect those who honor thee!

The Prokeimenon - Tone 7

The Prokeimenon in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! The Lord shall bless His people with peace! (*Sunday*) (*Ps 28 [29]: 11*)

verse: Offer to the Lord, a you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! (*Ps 28 [29]: 1*)

Epistle

§ 124: 1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18 (Sunday)

BRETHREN, I BESEECH YOU 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.

For it has been declared unto me concerning you, my brethren,
by those of Chlóe's household, that there are contentions among you.
Now this I say, that each of you saith, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos,"
or "I am of Céphas," or "I am of Christ."

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you?

Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Gáius,
lest any should say that I had baptized in my own name.

Yes, I also baptized the house-hold of Stephanas.

Besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.
For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel:
not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of no effect.
For the message of the Cross is foolishness to them that perish,
but unto us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

Epistle text from "The Apostol" St. Tikhon's Seminary Press, 2012. 2nd Edition.

The Alleluia - Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

verse: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy name, O Most High!

(Sunday) (Ps 91 [92]: 1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

verse: To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night! (Ps 91 [92]: 2)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel

§ 158: St. Matthew 14: 14 - 22 (Sunday, Eighth of Matthew)

AT THAT TIME, JESUS SAW a great multitude,

and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

¹⁵ And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying,

This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away,
that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

¹⁶ But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

¹⁷ And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

¹⁸ He said, Bring them hither to me.

¹⁹ And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass,
and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven,
he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples,
and the disciples to the multitude.

²⁰ And they did all eat, and were filled:

and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

²¹ And they that had eaten were about five thousand men,
beside women and children.

²² And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship,
and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.



Today is also the feast of St Basil the Blessed, (right, +1552), a fool-for-Christ's-sake who dared to reproach Tsar Ivan the Terrible, and who is the St Basil of the famous "St Basil Cathedral" (left).

