

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR  
AN IMPERIAL DIADEM**

December 27 and August 2

Fourth Tone

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**Moderato**

An im - pe - ri - al di - a - dem was placed on your head as a  
crown from the strug - gles you were forced to en - dure for the  
sake of Christ God, O you, the first con - tes - tant a -  
- mong the mar - tyrs, for you ad - mon - ished the fren - zy that had  
seized the Ju - de - ans. You then be - held your  
Sa - vior at the right hand of the Fa - ther, there - fore may you  
al - ways plead with Him on be - half of our souls.