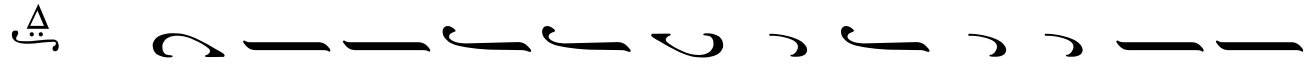
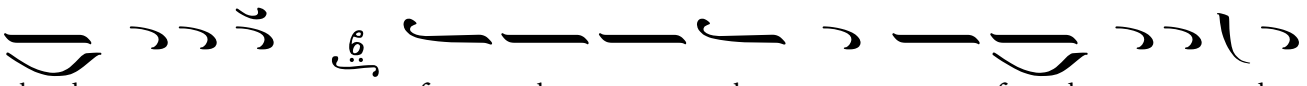



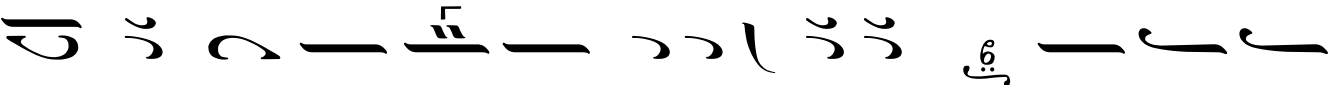



**APOLYTIKION OF ST. STEPHEN THE FIRST MARTYR**  
**AN IMPERIAL DIADEM**

December 27 and August 2

Fourth Tone

Melody: Ταχύ προκατάλαβε, S. Takis

  
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. ---