

Saturday, December 26, 2020
Feast of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr
Second Day of the Octave of Christmas

“Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen” go the lyrics to this traditional English Christmas carol. Today is the Second Day of the Octave of Christmas and the First Martyr of the Church is remembered. Stephen follows our Lord Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit and witnessing to Christ with joy to the very end. He speaks words similar to Jesus’, when the Savior hung from the Cross: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” (Jesus: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”) “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” (Jesus: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”) As we celebrate the birth of Jesus in these Octave Days, we remember the First Martyr, Stephen, born unto eternal life!
Merry Christmas!

God Love You!

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