

holiness of life, and wonderfully endowed with the gift of miracles.

Q. Why did the Jews put St. Stephen to death?

A. Because, when they dragged him before the Council, he steadfastly maintained the divinity of Christ. Enraged by his courage and fortitude, they took him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Q. What remarkable circumstance occurred at the martyrdom of St. Stephen?

A. Looking up to heaven, the holy deacon exclaimed, "I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of his Father." Then falling on his knees, he exclaimed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge," and expired.

Q. To whom did the Jews give St. Stephen's outer garments to hold while they stoned him?

A. To a young man named Saul, a native of Tarsus, then a furious persecutor of the Christians, but afterwards a zealous apostle of Christ.

Q. What was the effect of St. Stephen's martyrdom?

A. The faithful fled in terror from Jerusalem to all the neighboring provinces, thus spreading the knowledge of the truth which is in Christ.

Q. Whither did St. Philip, the second of the deacons, go?

A. He went to Samaria, where he converted great numbers to the faith, amongst others the treasurer of Candace, queen of Ethiopia.

Q. How was Saul employed during this time?

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