

DEACONS : STEPHEN AND PHILIP

- ▶ DEACON
- ▶ DEACONESS
- ▶ ETYMOLOGY: **MSHAMSHONO**(SYR.) – **DIAKONOS** (GK.) :‘ SERVANT / ONE WHO SERVES’
- ▶ ACTS 6 : SEVEN OF THEM CHOSEN TO SERVE
- ▶ **WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FORMAL WORSHIP PATTERN AND CHURCH STRUCTURE THE ROLE OF DEACONS CHANGED**

Initially deacons were chosen to serve at tables- help widows , poor.(Acts 6:1-2)

While apostles kept preaching word of God and praying for people(Acts 6:2-4)

Deacons were appointed by laying of hands and prayer by Apostles(Acts 6:6)







Deacons

- 1) **SINGERS** (MZAMRONO) WEAR THE KUTINO WITHOUT THE URORO.
- 2) **READERS** (QORUYO) WEAR THE URORO IN THE FORM OF A CROSS.
- 3) **SUB-DEACONS** (APODYAQNO) WEAR THE URORO FOLDED AROUND THE NECK.
- 4) **DEACONS** (SHAMOSHO) WEAR THE URORO OVER THE LEFT SHOULDER, ON EITHER SIDE LIKE WINGS.

ST. PHILIP

PHILIP THE EVANGELIST, WHO WAS APPOINTED WITH STEPHEN TO OVERSEE CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (ACTS 6:5) SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH PHILIP THE APOSTLE.

PHILIP THE EVANGELIST (GREEK: ΦΙΛΙΠΠΟΣ, PHILIPPOS)

APPEARS SEVERAL TIMES IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. HE WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN CHOSEN TO CARE FOR THE POOR OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN JERUSALEM (ACTS 6).

ST. PHILIP

*HE PREACHED AND PERFORMED MIRACLES IN SAMARIA,
MET AND BAPTIZED AN EUNUCH, ON THE ROAD FROM
JERUSALEM TO GAZA, TRADITIONALLY MARKING THE START
OF THE ETHIOPIAN CHURCH (ACTS 8:26-39)*

ST.STEPHEN

Greek Στέφανος *Stéphanos*, meaning "crown" and by extension "reward, honor, renown, fame.

Traditionally venerated as the protomartyr or first martyr of Christianity.



STEPHEN ACCUSED OF BLASPHEMY AT HIS TRIAL, HE
MADE A SPEECH DENOUNCING THE JEWISH
AUTHORITIES AND WAS THEN STONED TO DEATH.

HIS MARTYRDOM WAS WITNESSED BY SAUL OF
TARSUS, LATER PAUL THE APOSTLE.

