

## SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

Sunday of the Forefathers

DECEMBER 17, 2006

### Hymn

*melody: Mendelssohn*



1. Let us now praise fa-mous men, tell their stor-ies once a-gain.  
2. Those were hon-ored in their age— priest and monarch, proph-et, sage—  
3. These, the god-ly ones, we praise, who en-dured the dark-est days,



Rul-ing king-doms in their might, known for val-or in men's sight.  
And have left be-hind a name, which their chil-dren e'er can claim.  
Cov-en-ant-ed, Lord, with You, and Whose grace has seen them through.



Those with coun-sel true and wise, those who saw with proph-et's eyes—  
Oth-ers, though, have run this race, van-ished, leav-ing not a trace,  
All our hymns of praise we bring for their stead-fast-ness, O King!



Those who wrote the psalms we sing; those who taught the sage and king.  
As if they had nev-er been, they and chil-dren af-ter them.  
From their seed, up-on this earth, You have tak-en hum-ble birth.



For their gifts and wit-ness, Lord, we sing praise with one ac-cord.

### First Typical Psalm (Psalm 102: 1)



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my be-ing, bless his

ho - ly name. Bless-ed are you, O Lord.

**Second Typical Psalm** (Psalm 145: 1, 2)

Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord,

praise the Lord all my life. I will make mu - sic to my God while I live.

**Hymn of the Incarnation**

*Resurrection Tone 7*

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

now and ev - er and for-ev - er. A - men. O on - ly - begotten Son and

Word of God, who be - ing im - mor - tal, deigned for our sal - va - tion

to be - come in - car - nate of the ho - ly Theotokos and ever - Vir - gin Mar - y,


and be - came man with - out change; you were al - so crucified, O Christ our God,

and by death have tram - pled Death, be - ing One of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty,



glo - rified with the Father and the Ho-ly Spir - it, save us.


**Third Typical Psalm: The Beatitudes** (*Matthew 5: 1-12*)



Re - mem - ber us, O Lord, when you come in your king - dom.



Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it, for theirs is the king-dom of heav - en.



Bless-ed are they who mourn, for they will be com-fort-ed. Bless-ed are the meek,



for they will in - her - it the land. Bless - ed are they who hunger and thirst



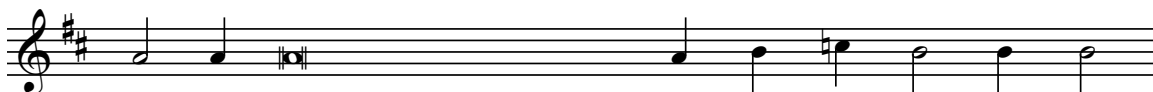
af - ter right-eous-ness, for they will be sat - is-fied. Bless-ed are the mer - ci - ful,



for they will be shown mer - cy. Bless-ed are the clean of heart, for they shall



see God. Bless-ed are the peace-mak-ers, for they will be called chil-dren of God.



Bless - ed are they who are persecuted for the sake of right - eous - ness,

for theirs is the king-dom of heav - en. Bless-ed are you when they in-sult you  
 and per-secute you and utter every kind of evil against you false-ly be-cause of me.  
 Re-joice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heav - en.

**Entrance Hymn**

Come, let us wor-ship and bow be-fore Christ. O Son of God,  
 ris - en from the dead, save us who sing to you: Al - le - lu - ia!

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3**

Let the heav - ens re-joice, let the earth be glad; for the Lord  
 has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;  
 he has be-come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered  
 us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer-cy to the world.

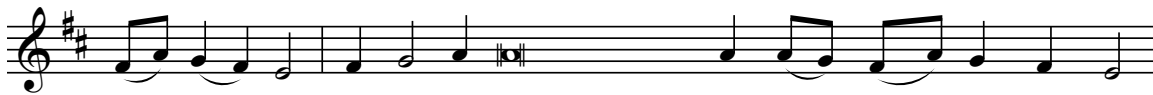
**Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2**



By faith, you, O Christ, jus - ti - fied the fore - fa - thers. Through them



you betrothed yourself to a Church from all na - tions. The saints re-joice



in glo - ry be-cause a glorious offspring has blos - somed from their seed:



the Moth-er who bore you with-out seed. Through their pray'rs, O Christ our



God, have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor*

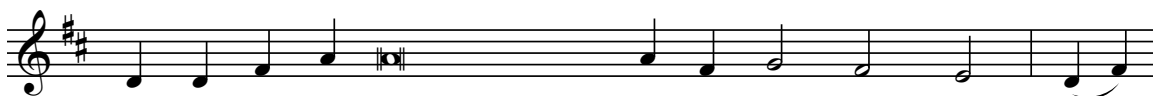


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and

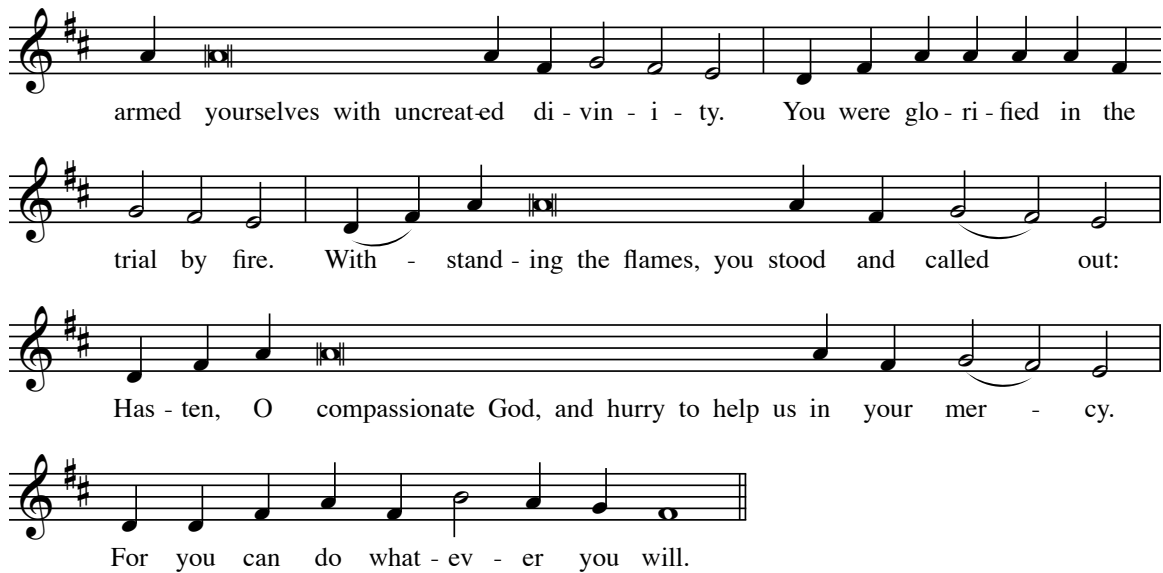


ev - er and for-ev - er. A - - - men.

**Kontakion - Tone 6**

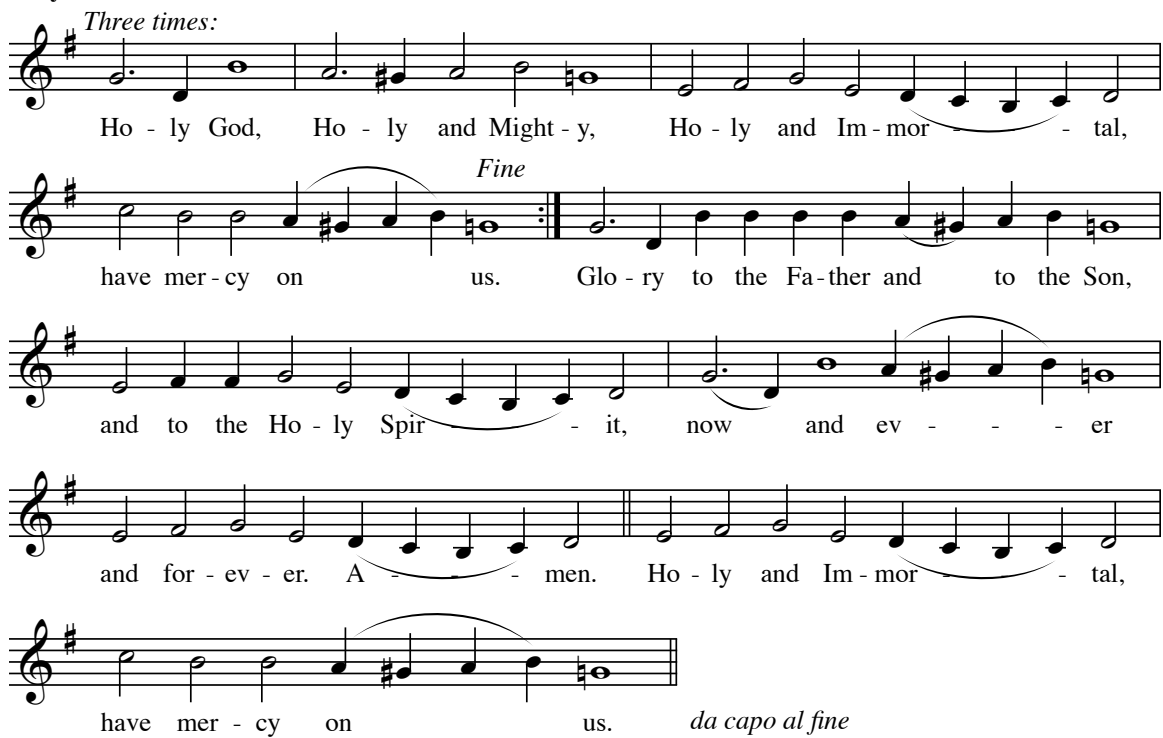


You did not wor - ship a man-made im-age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You



armed yourselves with uncreat-ed di - vin - i - ty. You were glo - ri - fied in the  
 trial by fire. With - stand - ing the flames, you stood and called out:  
 Has - ten, O com - pas - sion - ate God, and hurry to help us in your mer - cy.  
 For you can do what - ev - er you will.

**Holy God**



*Three times:*  
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal,  
*Fine*  
 have mer - cy on us. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son,  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ev - - - er  
 and for - ev - er. A - - - men. Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal,  
 have mer - cy on us. *da capo al fine*

**Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):**

Bless-ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers,  
and glo - ri - ous for - ev - er is your name.

*Verse:* For you are just in all that you have done for us.

**Alleluia - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* Moses and Aaron were among his priests;  
Samuel was among those who called upon his name.

*Verse:* They called upon the Lord and he answered them.

**Cherubic Hymn**

*on the hymn, "O kto, kto"*

Let us, who mys-tic - 'ly rep-re-sent the cher-u-bim, and sing the thrice-ho - ly  
hymn to the life - cre - at - ing, life - cre - at - ing Trin - i - ty,  
now set a - side all earth - ly cares.  
A - men. That we may re-ceive the King of All, in - vis - i - bly

es-cort-ed by an-gel-ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

**Anamnesis Acclamation**

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, thank you, O

Lord, and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God,

and we pray to you, our God.

**Communion Hymn for Sundays (Psalm 148:1):**

Praise the Lord from the heav-ens, praise him in the high-est.

*Refrain*  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!