

Divine Liturgy, December 13, 2009
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Forefathers

The holy martyrs **Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes**, who gave their lives for Christ in Armenia.

Hymn

melody: Mendelssohn ("Hark! The herald angels sing")



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 mon - arch, 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!



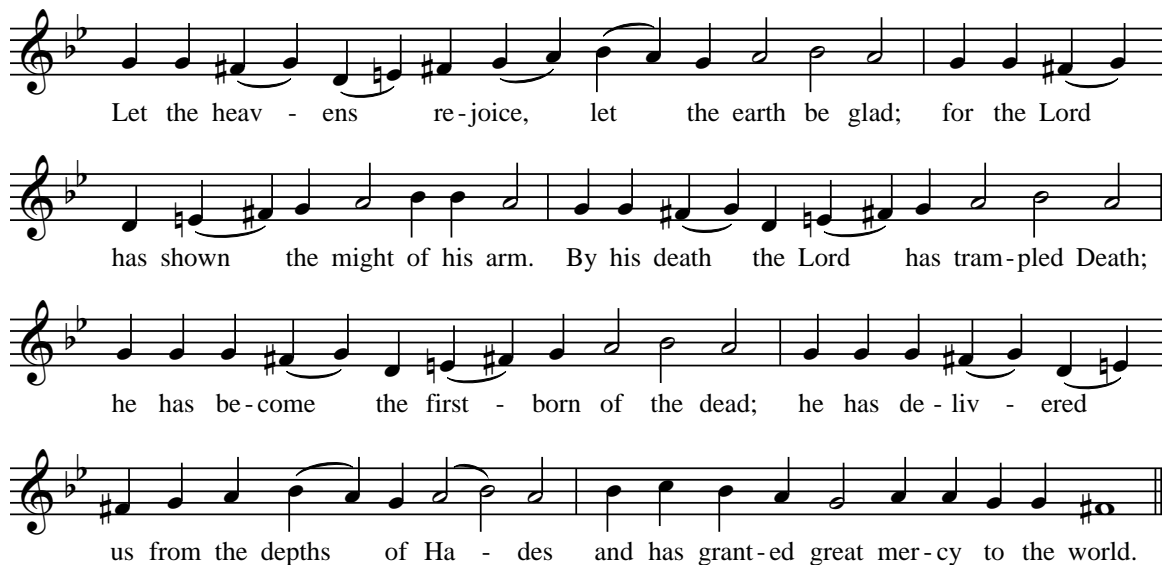
Those who wrote the psalms we sing; those who taught the sage and king.
As if they had nev - er been, they and chil - dren af - ter them.
From their seed, up - on this earth, You have tak - en hum - ble birth.



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

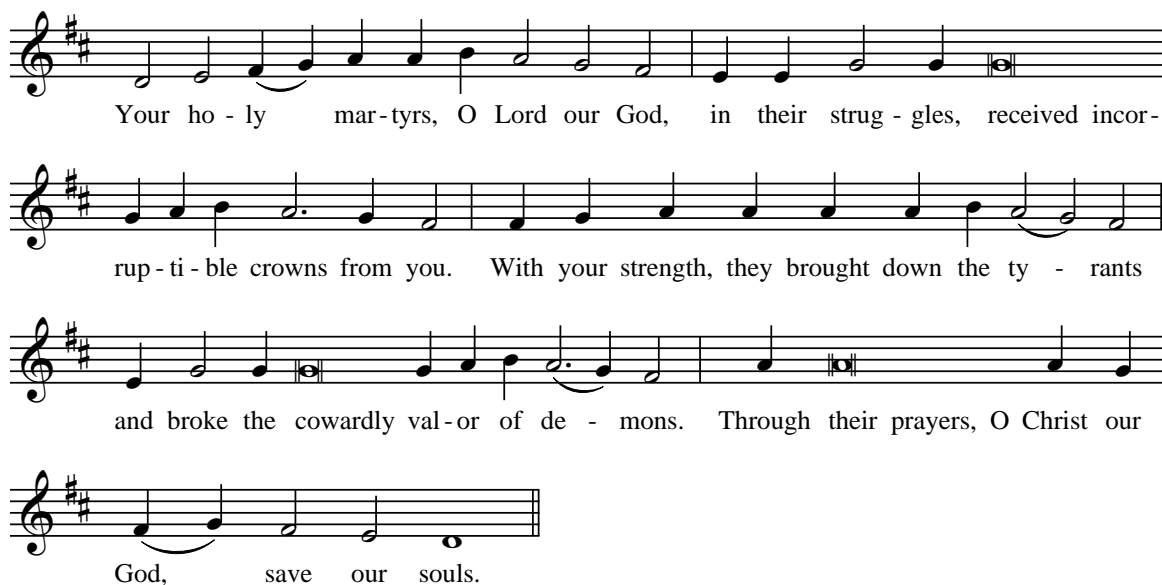
Text based on Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-10, 13-14

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 3*



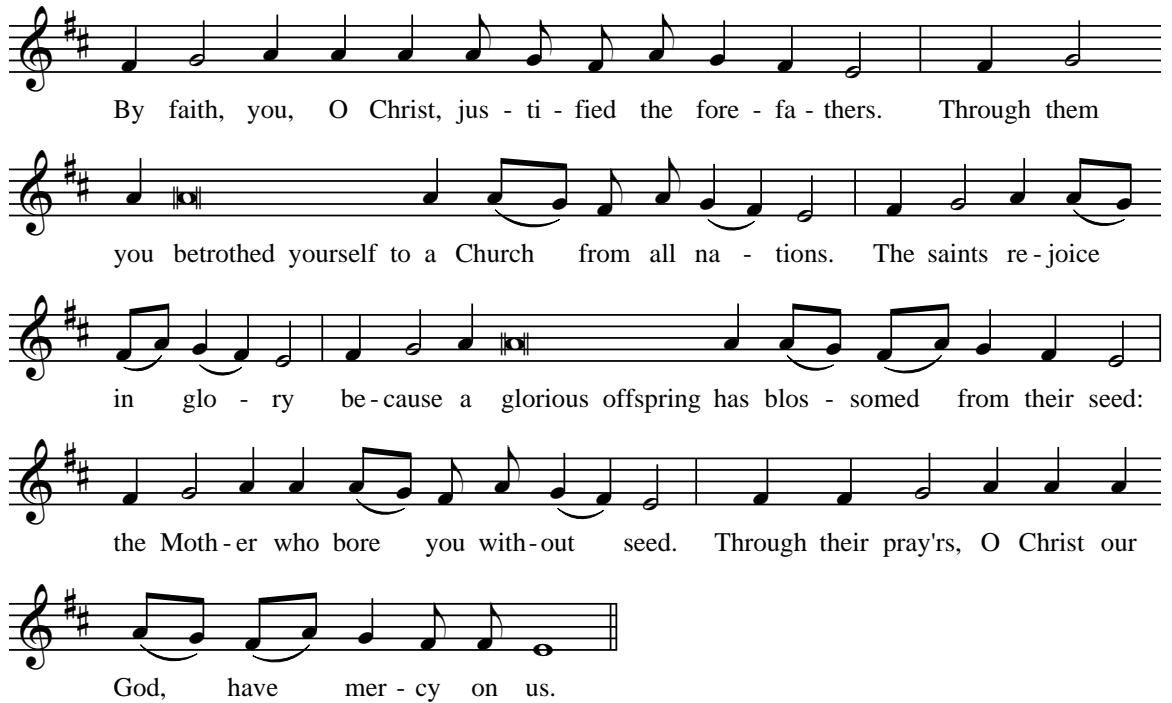
Let the heav - ens re-joyce, let the earth be glad; for the Lord
has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;
he has be-come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered
us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer-cy to the world.

Troparion of the Martyrs - *Tone 4*



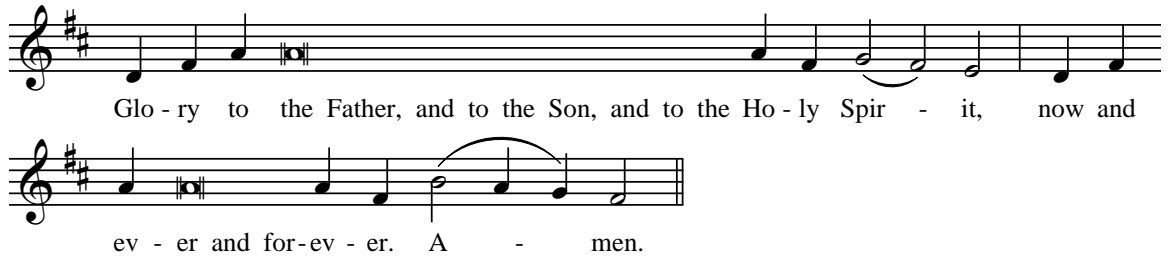
Your ho - ly mar-tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor-
rup-ti-ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val-or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2



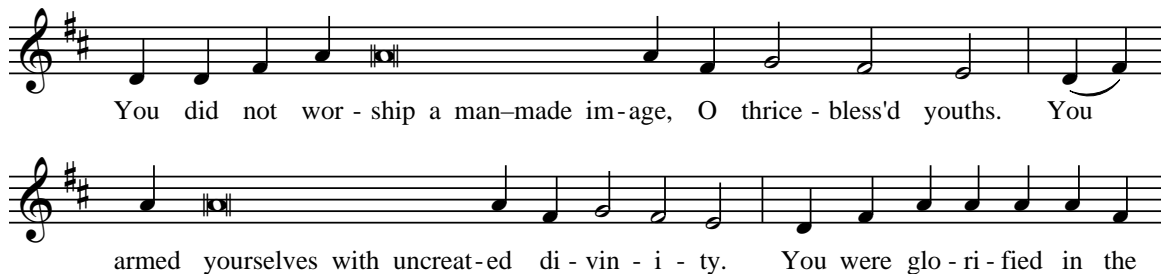
By faith, you, O Christ, jus - ti - fied the fore - fa - thers. Through them
you betrothed yourself to a Church from all na - tions. The saints re - joice
in glo - ry be - cause a glorious offspring has blos - somed from their seed:
the Moth - er who bore you with - out seed. Through their pray'rs, O 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 of the Forefathers - 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 compassionate God, and hurry to help us in your mer - cy.

For you can do what - ev - er you will.

Prokeimenon of the Forefathers - 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.

And then immediately:

Prokeimenon of the Martyrs - Tone 4 (Psalm 15:3):

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the

won - ders of his will.

Alleluia of the Forefathers - 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.

Additional verses for the martyrs: (Psalm 33: 18,20):

Verse: When the righteous cried out, the Lord heard; and from all distress he saved them.

[**Verse:** Many are the troubles of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will rescue them.]

Cherubic Hymn

Melody: 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.

After the commemorations:

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,
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Communion Hymn for Sunday (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!

Communion Hymn for the Forefathers (Psalm 32:1):

Re - jice in the Lord, you right-eous ones; praise from the up-right is fit-ting.
Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Communion Hymns for the martyrs is the same as that for the Forefathers (Psalm 32:1).

On this day, the Gospel of the 28th Sunday after Pentecost is sung:

Hymn

melody: Prizri, O Marije / Mary, look upon us



1. Once there was a ban - quet pre - pared for man - y guests.
2. Some said, "I have pur - chased some land I now must see."
3. Hear - ing this, the mas - ter grew an - gry at the slight.
4. Once this was ac - com - plished, there still was ta - ble space.



When the meal was read - y, the host his wish ex - pressed:
Oth - ers said, "New ox - en keep me from be - ing free."
"Go and find the cri - pled, the poor and blind this night!"
"Go in - to the high - ways, and fill up ev - 'ry place!"



Come, for all is read - y! Come and take your plac - es!



All who've been in - vit - ed, Come feast with me to - day!

Text based on Luke 14: 16-24

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody