THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM. All three of these saints have their own feast days. This celebration began in 1100 in the days of the Emperor Alexis Comnenus. A great quarrel arose in Constantinople as to which of these three was the greatest theologian. They appeared in a dream to then Patriarch John and told him that they were equal before God, and each had his special gifts and talents. John chose January 30 to commemorate all three of them together, and composed the office.

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; for the Lord has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has trampled Death; he has become the first-born of the dead; he has delivered us from the depths of Hades and has granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion of the Hierarchs - Tone 4

Teachers of the world, of one mind with the apostles, intercede with the Lord of all to grant peace to the world, and abundant mercy to our souls.

Cantor

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
To-day, you arose from the grave, O merciful Lord; you led us out of the gates of Death. To-day, Adam exults and Eve rejoices.

With them, the prophets and patriarchs ever praise the might of your divine power.

Cantor

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Lord, you have received your holy and inspired preachers, the foremost of teachers, into the enjoyment of your good gifts and repose. You preferred their labors and death above any sacrifice. For you alone glorify your saints.
Sing praise to our God, sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise,
sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Verse: All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness.
and then immediately:

Prokeimenon of the Hierarchs - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5):

Verse:

Through all the earth their voice resounds; their message reaches
to the ends of the world.

Alleluia of the Resurrection - Tone 3 (Psalm 30:2,3):

Verse:

Verse: In you, O Lord, I have placed my trust; let me never be put to shame.
Verse: Be a protector for me, O God, and a house of refuge for my salvation.
and then immediately:

Alleluia of the Hierarchs - Tone 4 (Psalm 88:6,8):

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.
[Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy, great and awesome above all who surround him.]
Communion Hymns

For Sunday, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):

\[\text{Praise the Lord, the Lord from the heavens, praise him, praise him in the highest. Alleluia!}
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And for the Three Holy Hierarchs, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 32:1):

\[\text{Rejoice in the Lord you righteous ones; praise from the upright, the upright is fitting. Alleluia!}
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