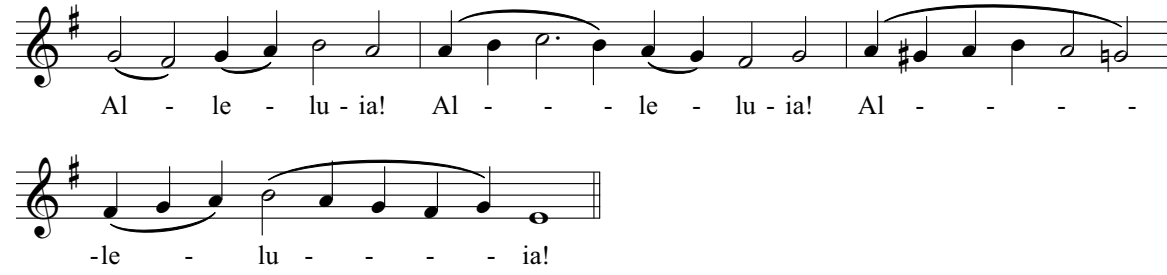


**Divine Liturgy, July 4
Independence Day**

Alleluia - Tone 7 (Psalm 118: 45, 142):



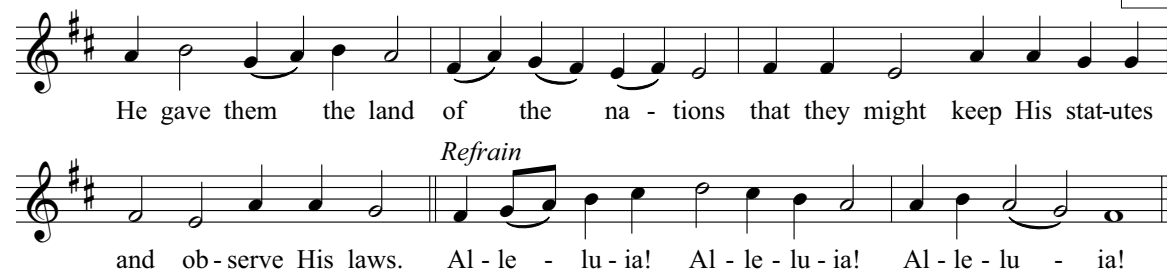
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Verse: I will walk at liberty, * because I seek your commandments.

Verse: Your justice is everlasting justice, * and Your law is permanent.

Gospel: John 8:31-42

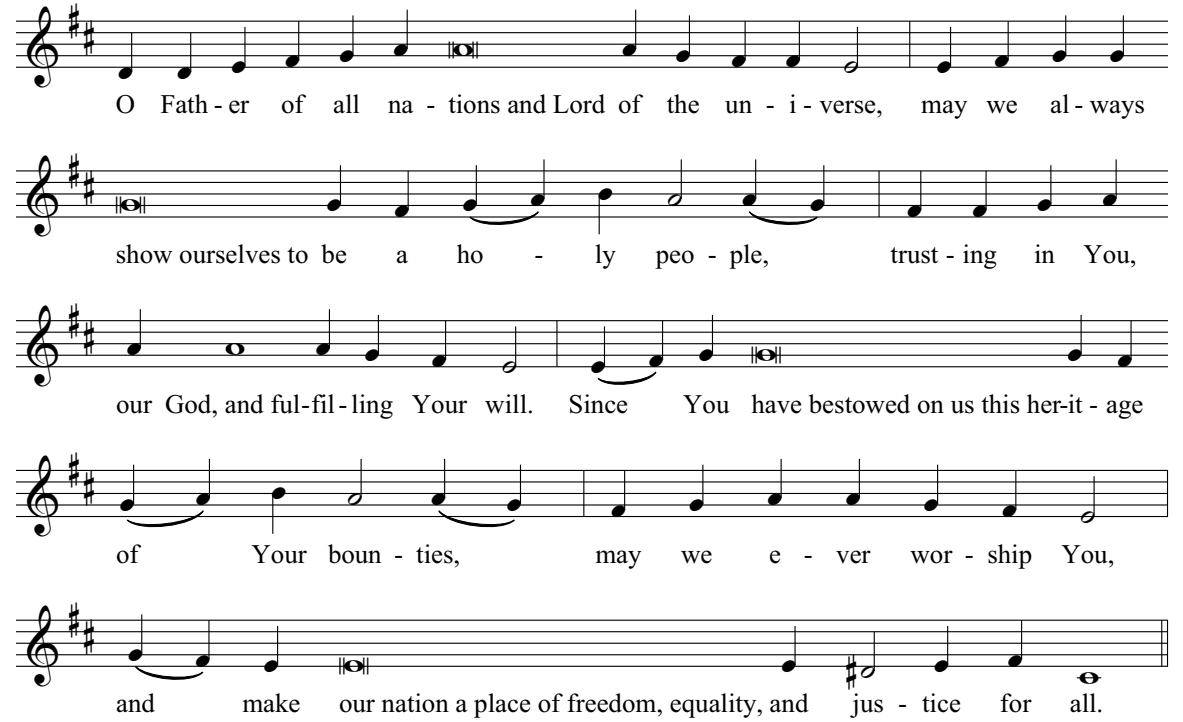
Communion Hymn (Psalm 104: 44a, 45):



He gave them the land of the na - tions that they might keep His stat-utes
Refrain
and ob - serve His laws. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

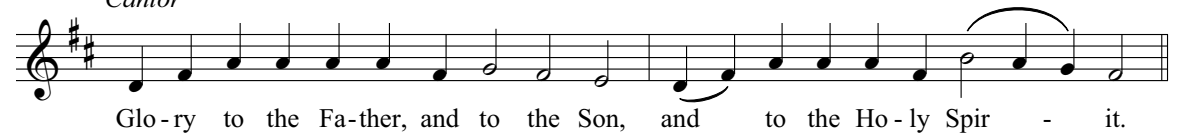
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Troparion - Tone 6



O Fath - er of all na - tions and Lord of the un - i - verse, may we al - ways
show ourselves to be a ho - ly peo - ple, trust - ing in You,
our God, and ful - fil - ling Your will. Since You have bestowed on us this her - it - age
of Your boun - ties, may we e - ver wor - ship You,
and make our nation a place of freedom, equality, and jus - tice for all.

Cantor



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

Kontakion - Tone 6



O Lord, two hun - dred years a - go, our coun - try claimed its place

among the fami-ly of na - tions. You have rich - ly favored us
 with Your bles - sings and pros-pered us with the ful-ness of the land.
 We now of-fer our gra-ti-tude to You, and we re-de-dicate our-selves to ser-ving You,
 so that the works of justice and freedom might be shared by all peo - ples.

Cantor

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

Theotokion - Tone 8

Our found - ing fathers es-tab - lished this na - tion with an a - bid - ing
 trust in God our hea-ven - ly Fa - ther, gi-ving lib - ber - ty to all its in-hab - i - tants.
 We have be - come the stewards of this cher-ished her - i - tage. Deem us wor - thy,

O Theoto-kos, Ev-ver-Vir-gin, to pro-tect and transmit this trea-sured in - her - i - tance.
 Lead us to your Son, Christ our God, so that He would bestow on us
 His e - ter - nal free - dom, grant - ing us His great mer - cy
 and lead - ing us into the land of right - eous - ness.

Prokeimenon - Tone 5 (Lev. 25:10; Psalm 88:15):

Pro - claim li - ber - ty through all the land un - to all
 the in - hab - i - tants there - of.

Verse: Justice and judgment are the foundation of Your throne; *
 kindness and truth go before You.

Epistle: Hebrews 12: 7-11, 14-17, 25-28