

Refrain

the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Divine Liturgy, December 18, 2022
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Ancestors

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3

Let the heav - ens re - jice, 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 Ancestors - Tone 2

Great are the ac - com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in
 the streams of fire as if in re - fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet
 shep - herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O
 Christ our God, save our souls.

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 Ancestors - 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 - 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 43:2,8):

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

Verse: O God, we have heard with our own ears;
 our fathers have told us the deed you did in their days.

Verse: You saved us from those who oppressed us; and those who hated us you put to shame.

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):

Praise the Lord, the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him,
 praise him in the high - est. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - - - le - lu - ia!

For the Ancestors (Psalm 32:1):

Re - joice in the Lord you right - eous ones; praise from the up - right,