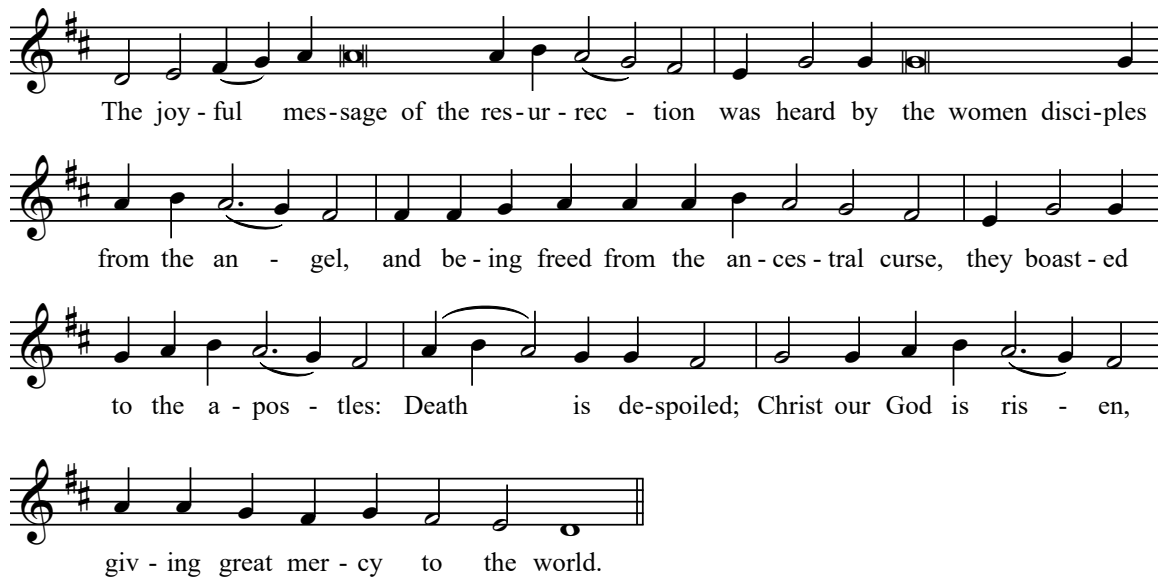


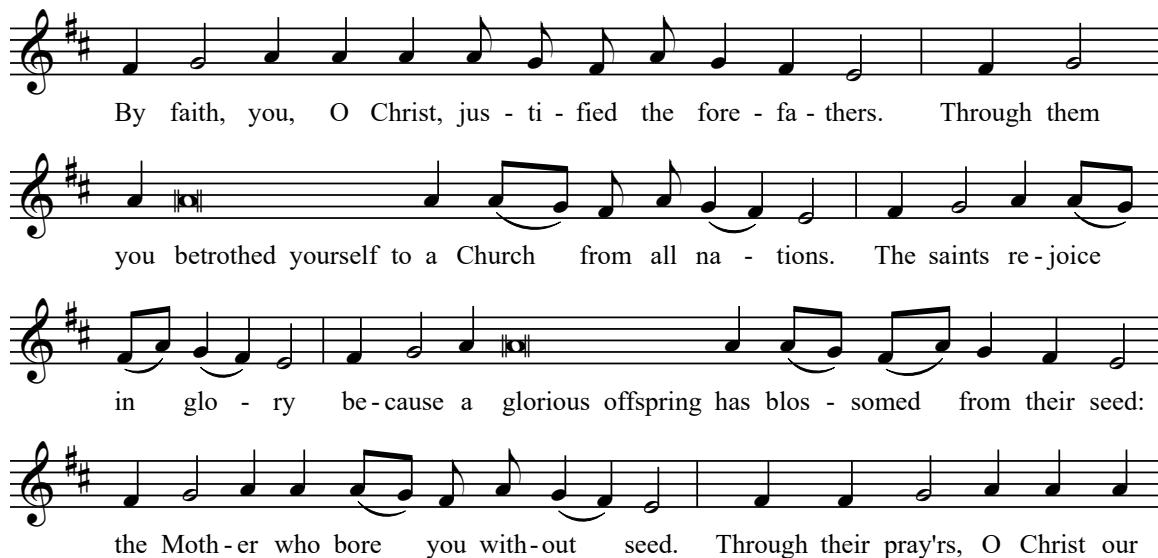
Divine Liturgy, December 17, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Forefathers

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4



The joy - ful mes - sage of the res - ur - rec - tion was heard by the women disci - ples
from the an - gel, and be - ing freed from the an - ces - tral curse, they boast - ed
to the a - pos - tles: Death is de - spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,
giv - ing 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 of the Forefathers - *Tone 6*



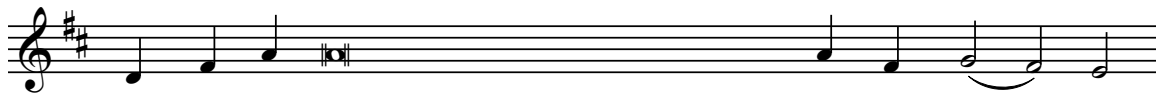
You did not wor - ship a man-made im-age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You



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.

Alleluia of the Forefathers - Tone 4 (Psalm 98:6):



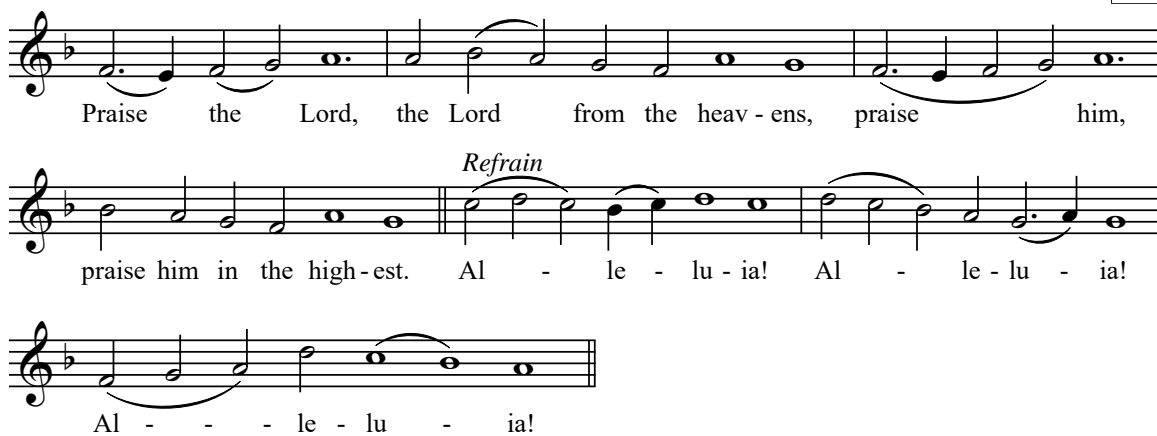
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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.

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):


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


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

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

Refrain



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



Al - - le - lu - ia!