

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.]

Communion Hymns:

**For Sunday, the usual Communion Hymn is (Psalm 148:1):** (music on pages 78-81)  
Praise the Lod from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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Re - joice 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!

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

Divine Liturgy, December 13, 2026  
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.

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 4

DL 141

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 Martyrs - Tone 4

Menaion

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 DL 281

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) DL 382  
To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the  
won - ders of his will.