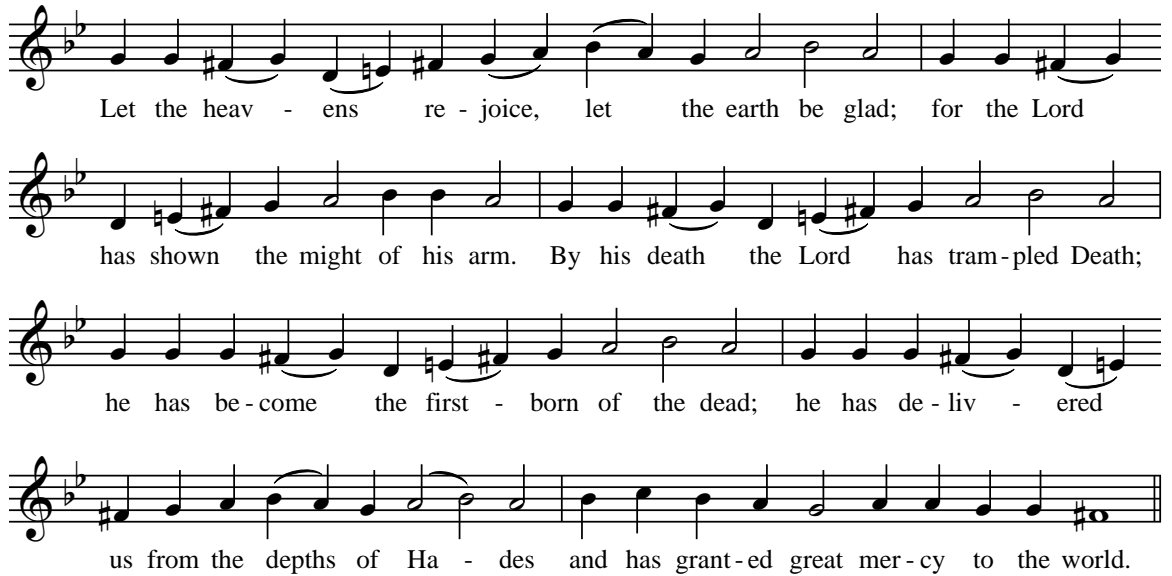


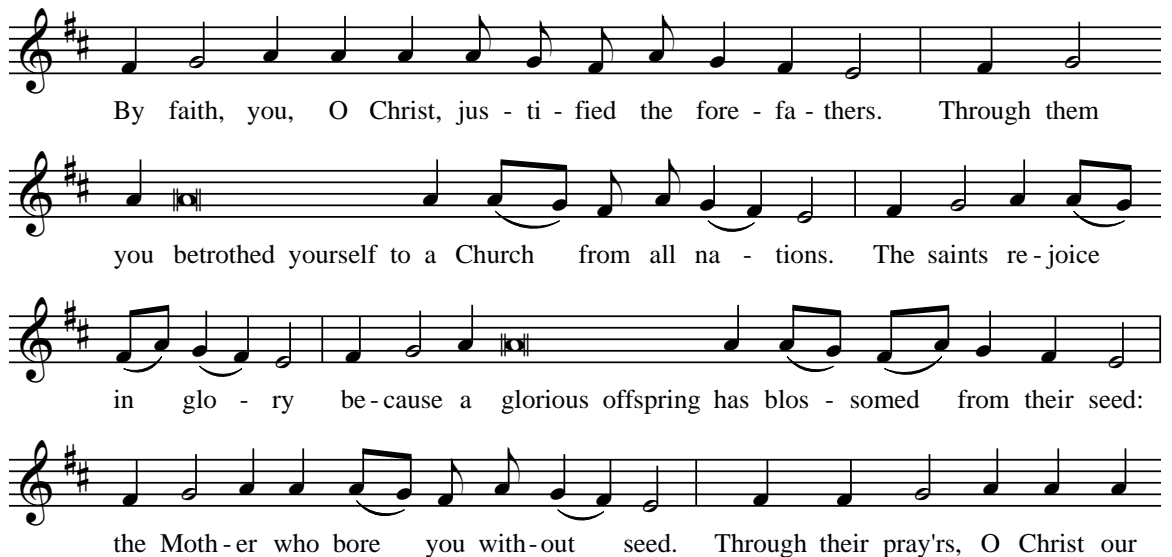
**Divine Liturgy, December 17, 2017**  
**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**  
**Sunday of the Forefathers**

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3**



Let the heav - ens re - joice, 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 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-joyce  
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*

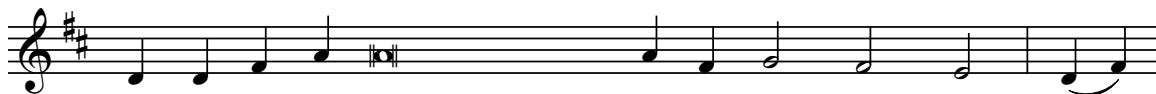


Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and



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

### **Kontakion of the Forefathers - *Tone 6***



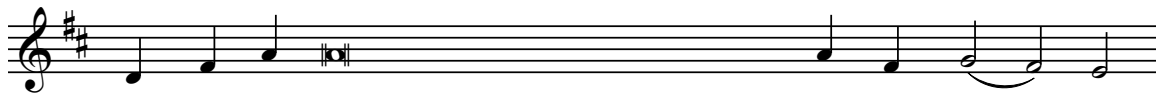
You did not wor - ship a man-made im-age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You



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:

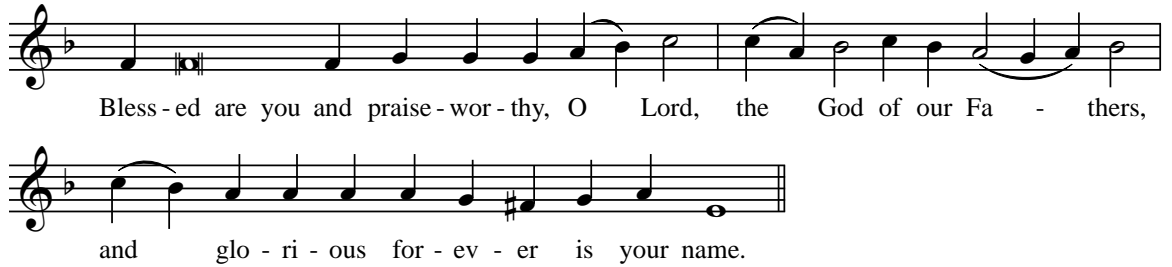


Has - ten, O compassionate God, and hurry to help us in your mer - cy.



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):**



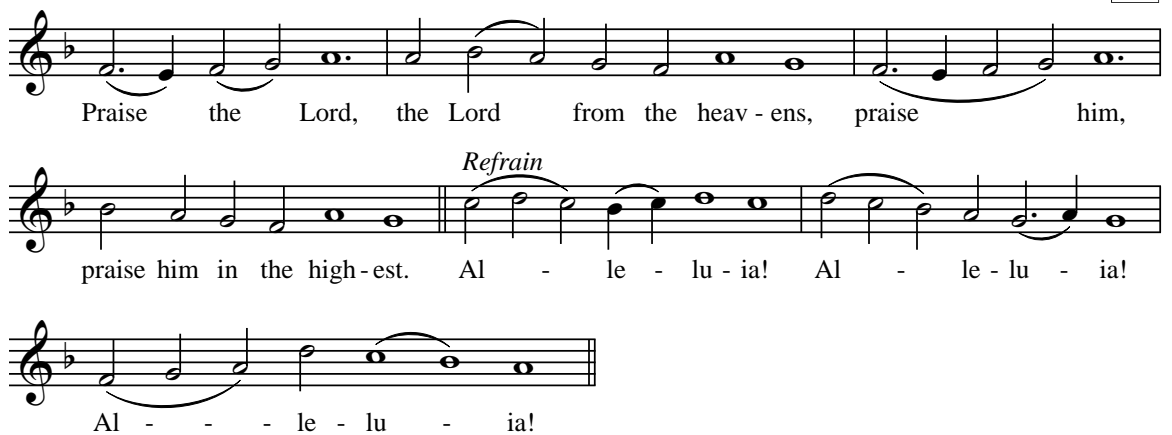
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*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):**

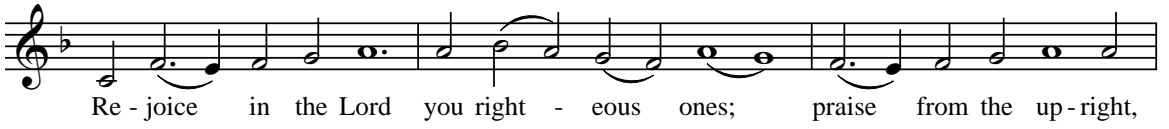
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Praise the Lord, the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him,  
*Refrain*  
praise him in the high - est. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - - - le - lu - ia!

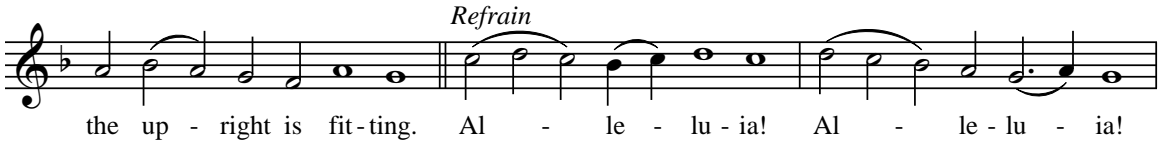
Communion Hymn for the Forefathers (Psalm 32:1):

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Re - 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!



Al - - le - lu - ia!