

Divine Liturgy, December 13, 2009
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.

Hymn

melody: Mendelssohn ("Hark! The herald angels sing")



1. Let us now praise fa - mous men, tell their stor - ies once a - gain.
2. Those were hon - ored in their age— priest and mon - arch, proph-et, sage—
3. These, the god - ly ones, we praise, who en - dured the dark - est days,



Rul - ing king - doms in their might, known for val - or in men's sight.
And have left be - hind a name, which their chil - dren e'er can claim.
Cov - en - ant - ed, Lord, with You, and Whose grace has seen them through.



Those with coun - sel true and wise, those who saw with proph-et's eyes—
Oth - ers, though, have run this race, van - ished, leav - ing not a trace,
All our hymns of praise we bring for their stead - fast - ness, O King!



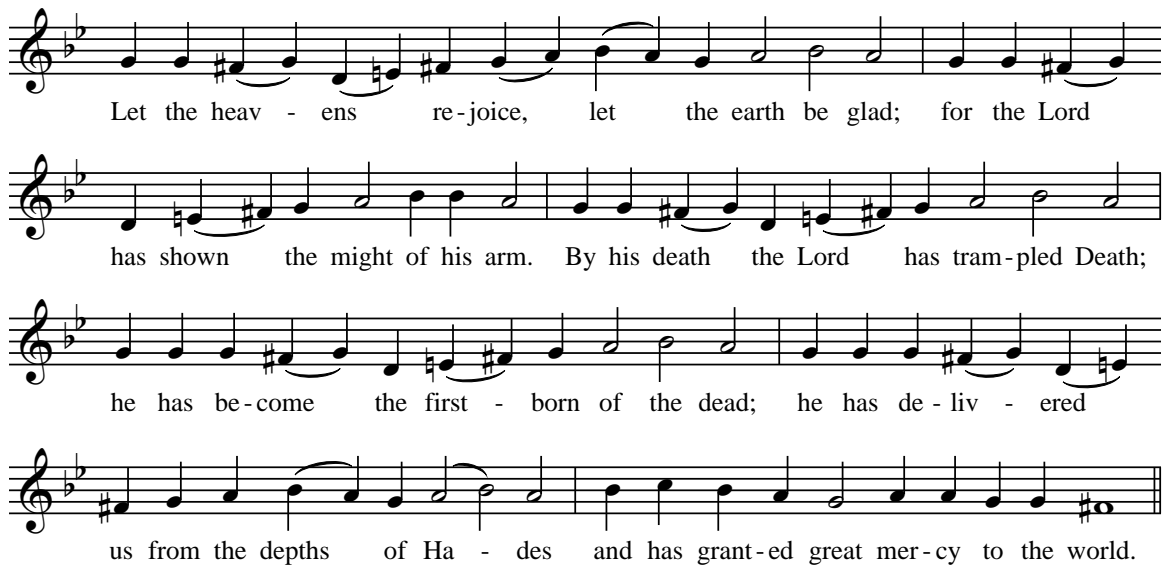
Those who wrote the psalms we sing; those who taught the sage and king.
As if they had nev - er been, they and chil - dren af - ter them.
From their seed, up - on this earth, You have tak - en hum - ble birth.



For their gifts and wit - ness, Lord, we sing praise with one ac - cord.

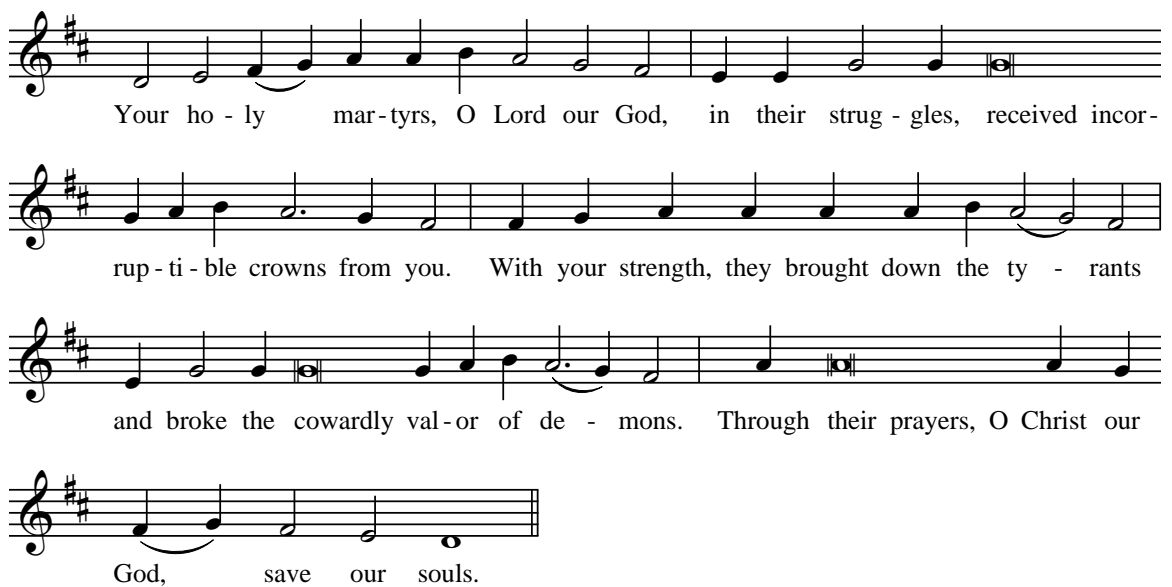
Text based on Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-10, 13-14

Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 3*



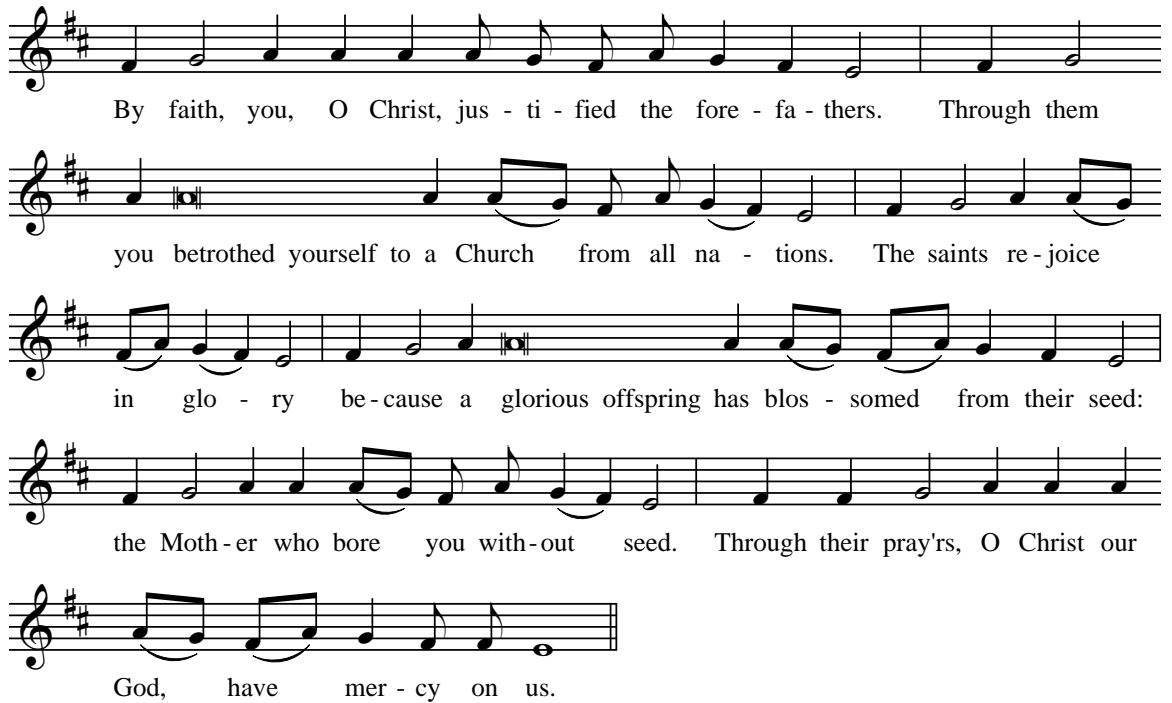
Let the heav - ens re-joyce, let the earth be glad; for the Lord
has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;
he has be-come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered
us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer-cy to the world.

Troparion of the Martyrs - *Tone 4*



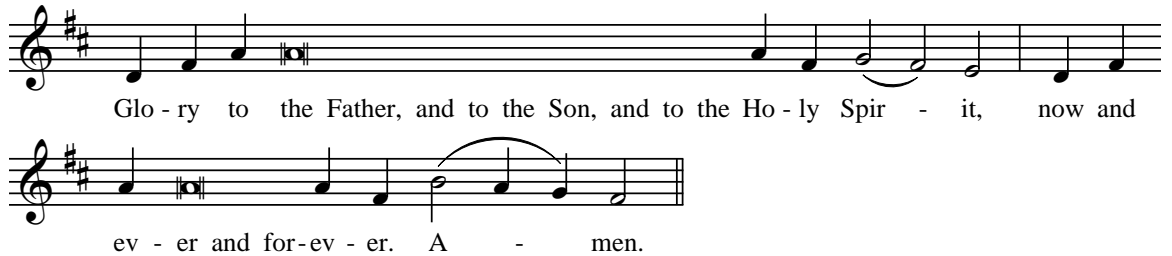
Your ho - ly mar-tyrs, O Lord our God, in their strug - gles, received incor-
rup-ti-ble crowns from you. With your strength, they brought down the ty - rants
and broke the cowardly val-or of de - mons. Through their prayers, O Christ our
God, save our souls.

Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2



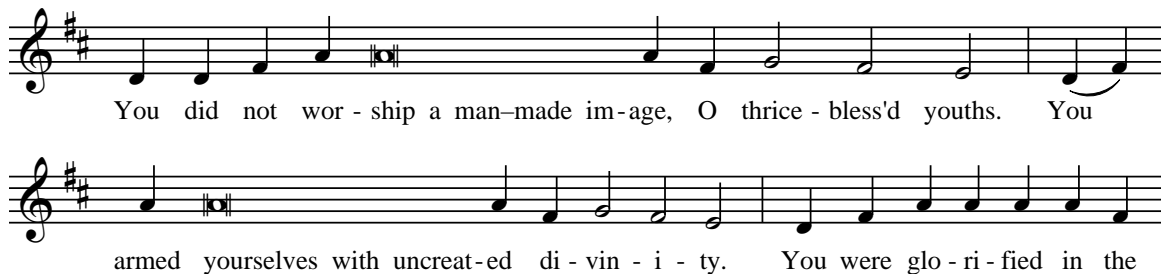
By faith, you, O Christ, jus - ti - fied the fore - fa - thers. Through them
you betrothed yourself to a Church from all na - tions. The saints re - joice
in glo - ry be - cause a glorious offspring has blos - somed from their seed:
the Moth - er who bore you with - out seed. Through their pray'rs, O 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):

To all the saints in his land, the Lord has shown all the

won - ders of his will.

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.]

Cherubic Hymn

Melody: O kto, kto

Let us, who mys-tic-'ly rep-re-sent the cher-u-bim, and sing the thrice-ho-ly
hymn to the life-cre-at-ing, life-cre-at-ing Trin-i-ty,
now set a-side all earth-ly cares.

After the commemorations:

A - men. That we may re-ceive the King of All, in - vis - i - bly
es - cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Anamnesis Acclamation

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, thank you, O
 Lord, and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God,
 and we pray to you, our God.

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):

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

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

Re - joice in the Lord, you right - eous ones; praise from the up - right is fit - ting.
Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

On this day, the Gospel of the 28th Sunday after Pentecost is sung:

Hymn

melody: Prizri, O Marije / Mary, look upon us



1. Once there was a ban - quet pre - pared for man - y guests.
2. Some said, "I have pur - chased some land I now must see."
3. Hear - ing this, the mas - ter grew an - gry at the slight.
4. Once this was ac - com - plished, there still was ta - ble space.



When the meal was read - y, the host his wish ex - pressed:
Oth - ers said, "New ox - en keep me from be - ing free."
"Go and find the cri - pled, the poor and blind this night!"
"Go in - to the high - ways, and fill up ev - 'ry place!"



Come, for all is read - y! Come and take your plac - es!



All who've been in - vit - ed, Come feast with me to - day!

Text based on Luke 14: 16-24

Tune: traditional Rusyn melody