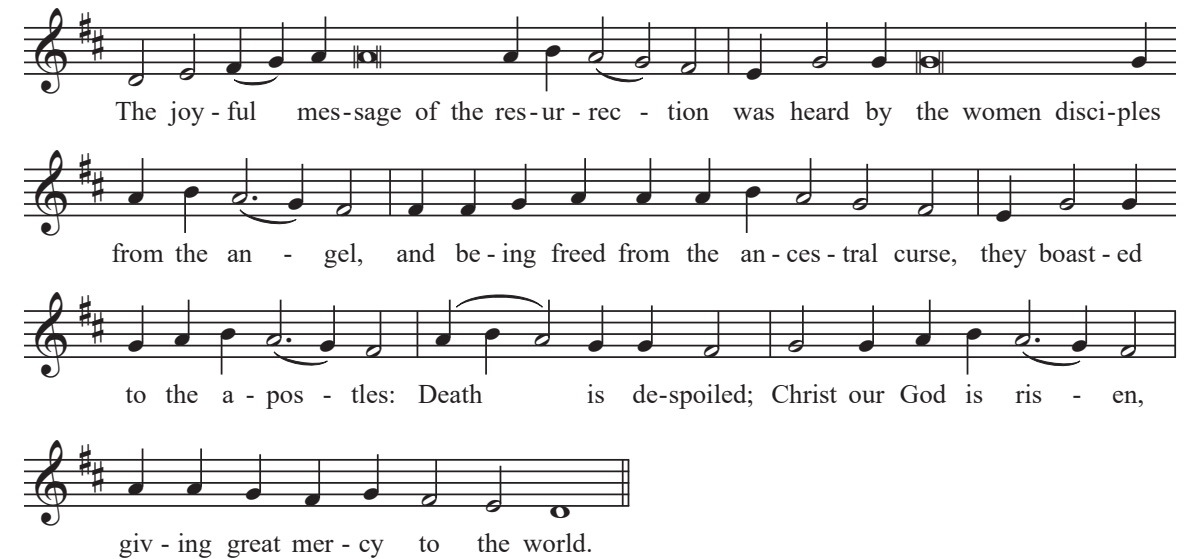


Divine Liturgy, December 12, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
Sunday of the Forefathers

The Theotokos of Guadalupe, who first appeared on Dec. 9, 1591 in Mexico to St. Juan Diego, bestowing on him an icon “not made with human hands,” requesting that a church be built in her honor on that mountain. Her shrine there is one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in the Americas. Pope John Paul II named her the Patroness of the Americas.

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 Theotokos - Tone 4



When you ap-peared in the New World, O The-o-to-kos, you fixed your
im-age on Juan Diego's rose-lad-en til-ma. All the poor, hungry, and oppressed
seek you, Lady of Gua-da-lu-pe. We gaze up-on your miraculous i-con



and find hope, cry - ing out to your Son con - cealed in your womb:



Hear our plea for jus - tice, O most mer - ci - ful Lord.


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.

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!

Communion Hymn for the Theotokos (Psalm 115:4):

I shall take the chal-ice of sal-va-tion, and call up-on the name of the Lord.

Refrain

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

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 Theotokos - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spir - it re - joic - es

in God my Sav - - - ior.

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.

And then immediately:

Alleluia of the Theotokos - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):

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

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

[**Verse:** The rich among the people will seek your favor.]

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!