

Vigil Divine Liturgy, January 30*

THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN, AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM. All three of these saints have their own feast days. This celebration began in 1100 in the days of the Emperor Alexis Comnenus. A great quarrel arose in Constantinople as to which of these three was the greatest theologian. They appeared in a dream to then Patriarch John and told him that they were equal before God, and each had his special gifts and talents. John chose January 30 to commemorate all three of them together, and composed the office.

*Supplement for **The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great**, 2006*

*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 4 (page 138). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

(on 3)

Cantor

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,
Is - rael indeed he will re-deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 4 samohlasen

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Let us glorify the three great preachers of the Trin-i - ty, the instruments of grace and
harps of the Spir - it, re - nowned trumpets of di-vine preach - ing
who thun-dered awe-some wonders which were re-vealed from on high. John, Ba-sil

* to be sung on the evening of January 29

and Gregory made known the glo - ry of God to the ends of the earth.

(on 2)
Cantor

Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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Let us worthily venerate the defenders of the Trin - i - ty. They are the three apostles

add-ed to the Twelve. They are rivers which overflowed living waters out of E - den.

They nour - ished the face of the earth with life-giving di-vine wa - ters.

They are the ba - sic ele-ments of na - ture, fash - ioning not cre - a - tion

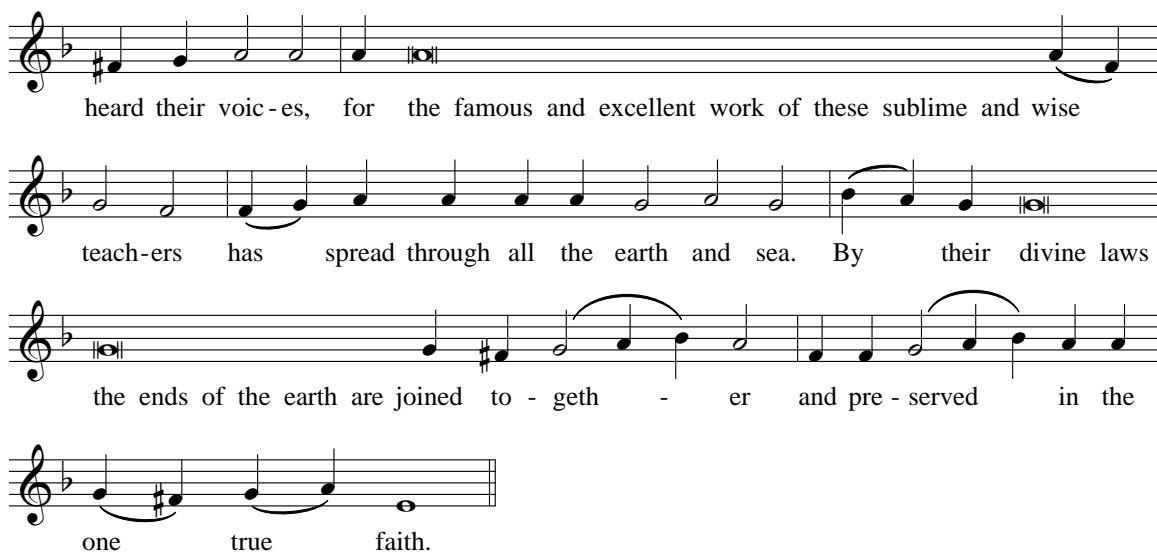
but the true faith.

(on 1)
Cantor

Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

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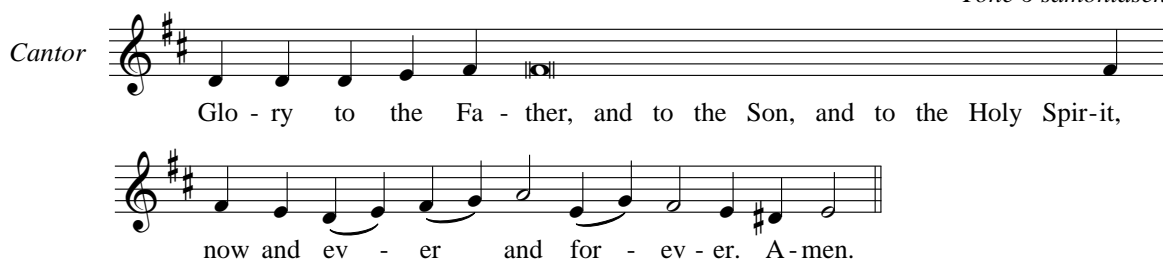
The prophet spoke of them, say - ing: No one who lives or speaks has not



heard their voices, for the famous and excellent work of these sublime and wise
 teachers has spread through all the earth and sea. By their divine laws
 the ends of the earth are joined together and preserved in the
 one true faith.

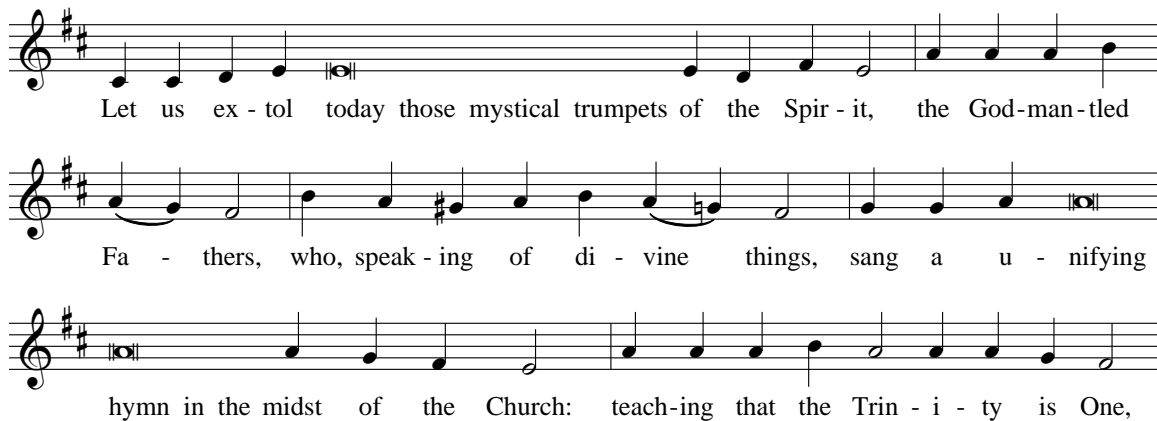
Tone 6 samohlasen

Cantor



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it,
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Doxastikon of the Three Holy Hierarchs - *Tone 6 samohlasen*



Let us ex - tol today those mystical trumpets of the Spir - it, the God - man - tled
 Fa - thers, who, speak - ing of di - vine things, sang a u - nifying
 hymn in the midst of the Church: teach - ing that the Trin - i - ty is One,

not dif - fer - ing in sub - stance or God - head; re - fut - ing Arius

and contending for the true faith; and who always in - ter - cede with the Lord

to have mer - - - cy on our souls.

As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.

The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light". The prokeimenon of the day of the week is sung (pages 120-121), and the following readings may be chanted:

- Readings:** Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17 (EOT 301)
 Deuteronomy 10: 14-21 (EOT 301)
 Wisdom 3: 1 - 9 (EOT 315-316)

*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn ("Holy God") on page 27 of the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

Prokeimenon of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 8 (Psalm 18:5,2):

Through all the earth their voice re - sounds; their mes - sage reach - es

to the ends of the world.

Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Alleluia of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 1 (Psalm 88:6,8):



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

Verse: The heavens declare your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the assembly of the holy.

Verse: God is glorified in the council of the holy,
great and awesome above all who surround him.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 32:1):

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

Refrain



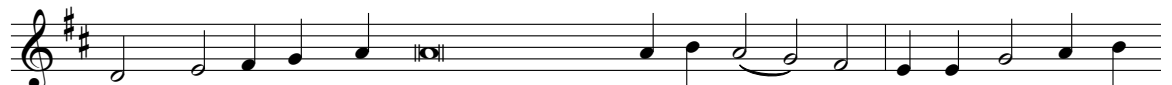
the up - right is fit - ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



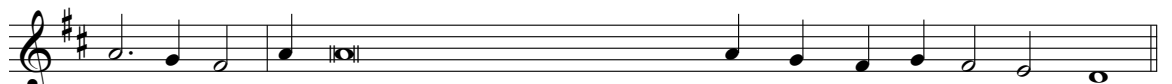
Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.

Troparion of the Three Holy Hierarchs - Tone 4



Teach - ers of the world, of one mind with the a - pos - tles, in - ter - cede with the



Lord of all to grant peace to the world, and a - bun - dant mer - cy to our souls.