

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

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Re - jice 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!

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 - jice, 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 - jice

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!