

**Divine Liturgy, December 13, 2020**  
**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.**

**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 Martyrs - *Tone 4***

Your ho - ly mar-tys, 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.

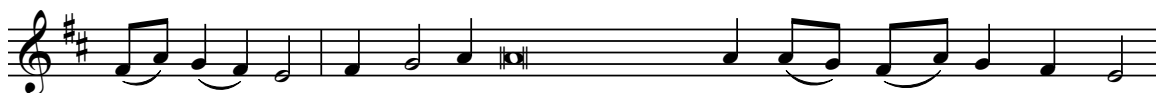
### Troparion of the Forefathers - Tone 2



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:

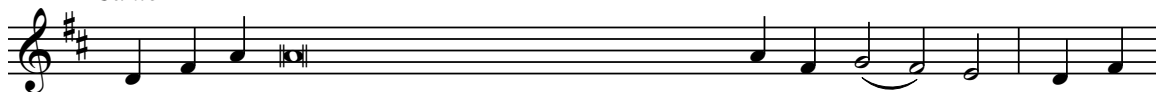


the Moth-er who bore you with-out seed. Through their pray'rs, O Christ our



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



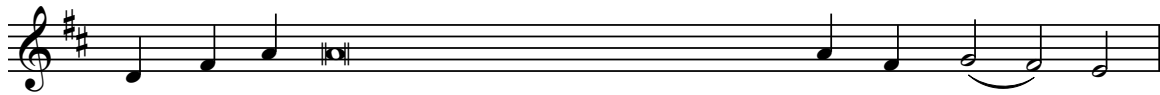
You did not wor - ship a man-made<sub>2</sub> im-age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You



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.]

**Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):**

*Melody: O kto, kto\**

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).*

*\* Other melodies can be used if desired. See the table in the Cantor's Companion, p. 56.*