

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, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY
 Sunday of the Forefathers

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 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.

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!