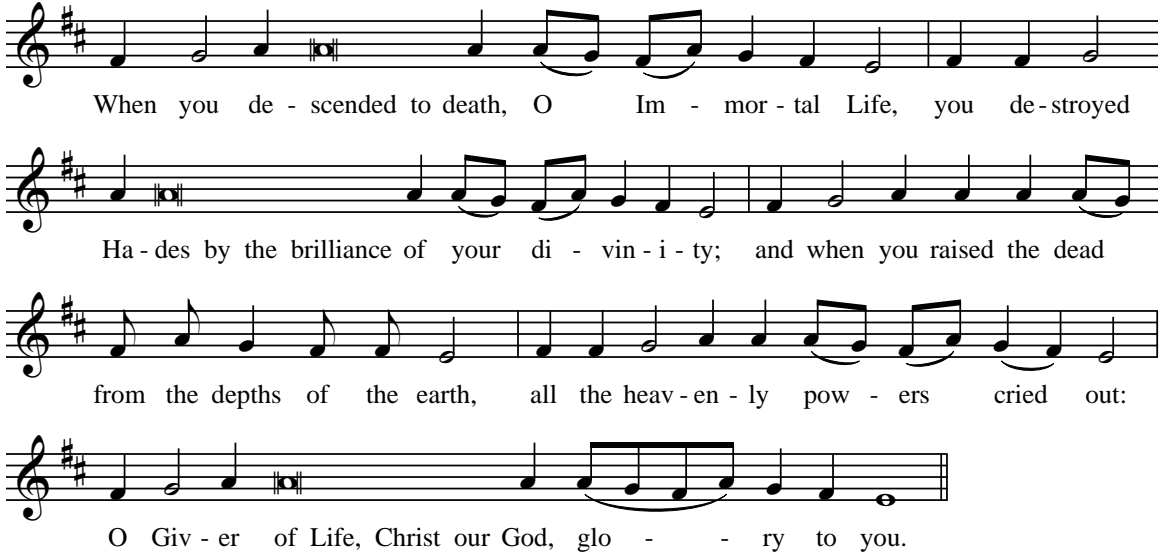


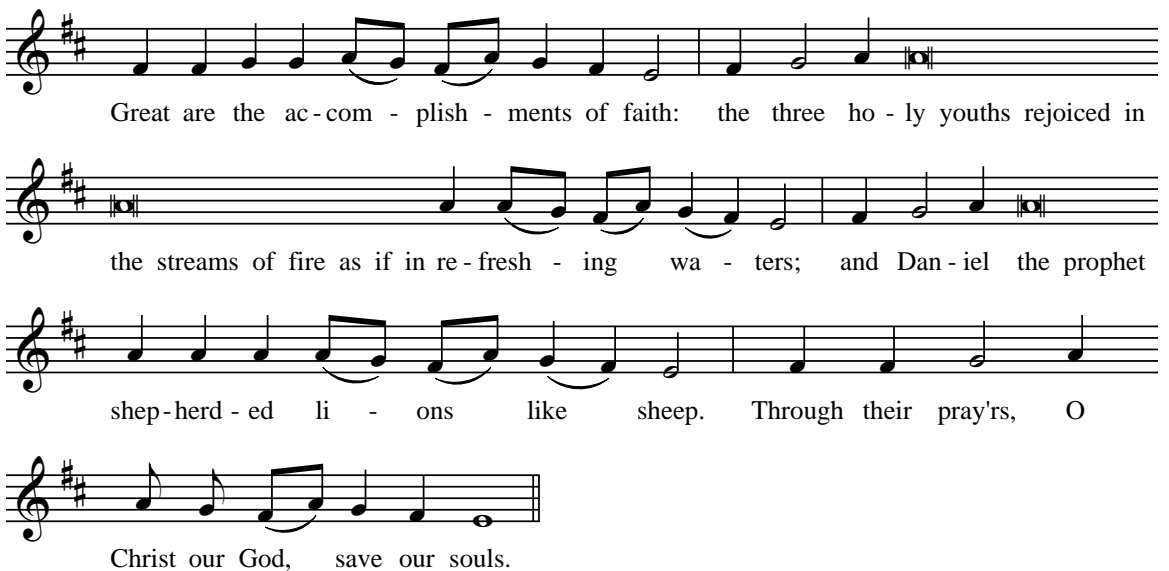
**Divine Liturgy, December 18, 2011**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**  
**Sunday of the Ancestors**

**Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 2***



When you de - scended to death, O Im - mor - tal Life, you de - stroyed  
Ha - des by the brilliance of your di - vin - i - ty; and when you raised the dead  
from the depths of the earth, all the heav - en - ly pow - ers cried out:  
O Giv - er of Life, Christ our God, glo - - ry to you.

**Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2***



Great are the ac - com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in  
the streams of fire as if in re - fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet  
shep - herd - ed li - ons like sheep. Through their pray'rs, O  
Christ our God, save our souls.

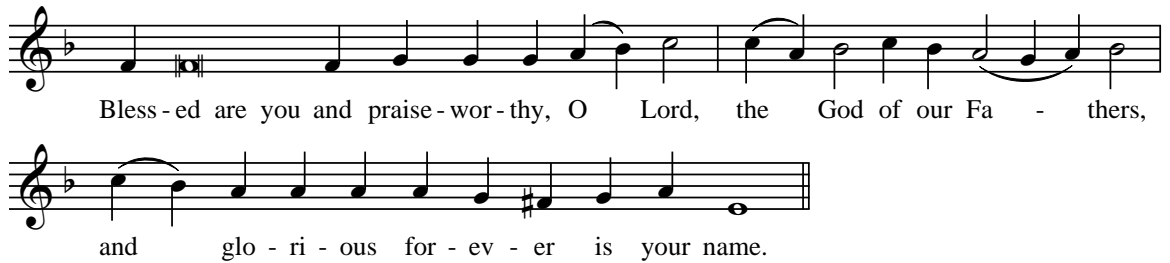
*Cantor*

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 Ancestors - 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 Ancestors - 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 Ancestors - Tone 4** (Psalm 43:2,8):



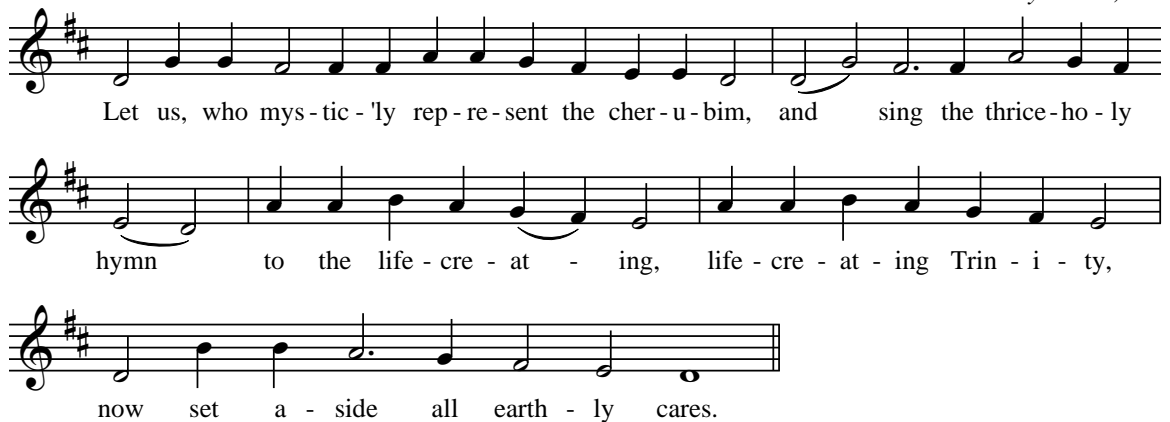
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* O God, we have heard with our own ears;  
our fathers have told us the deed you did in their days.

*Verse:* You saved us from those who oppressed us; and those who hated us you put to shame.

**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!

**For the Ancestors (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!