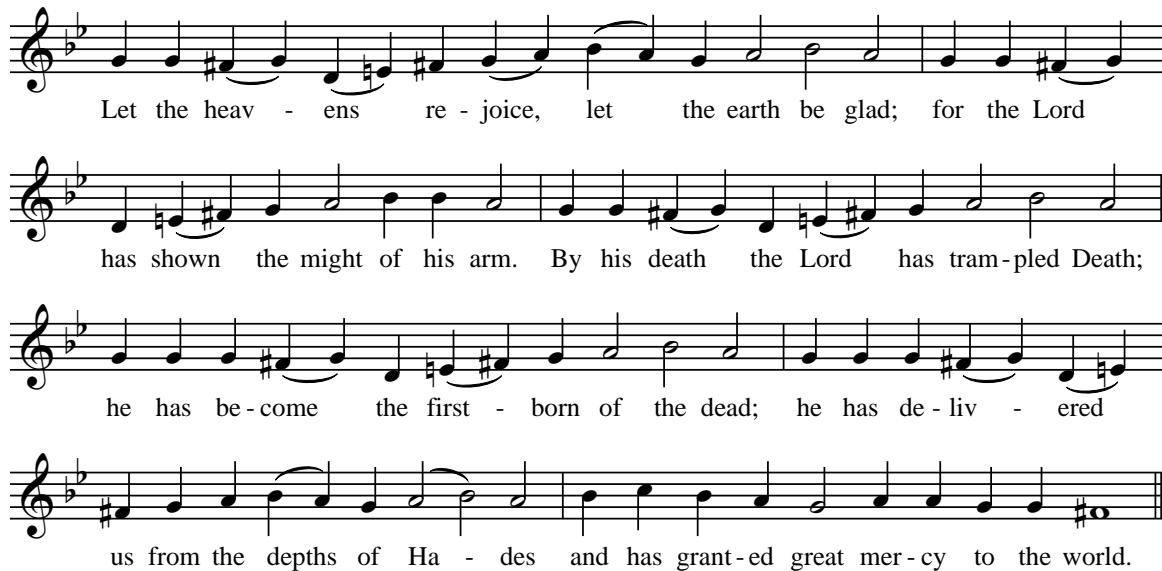


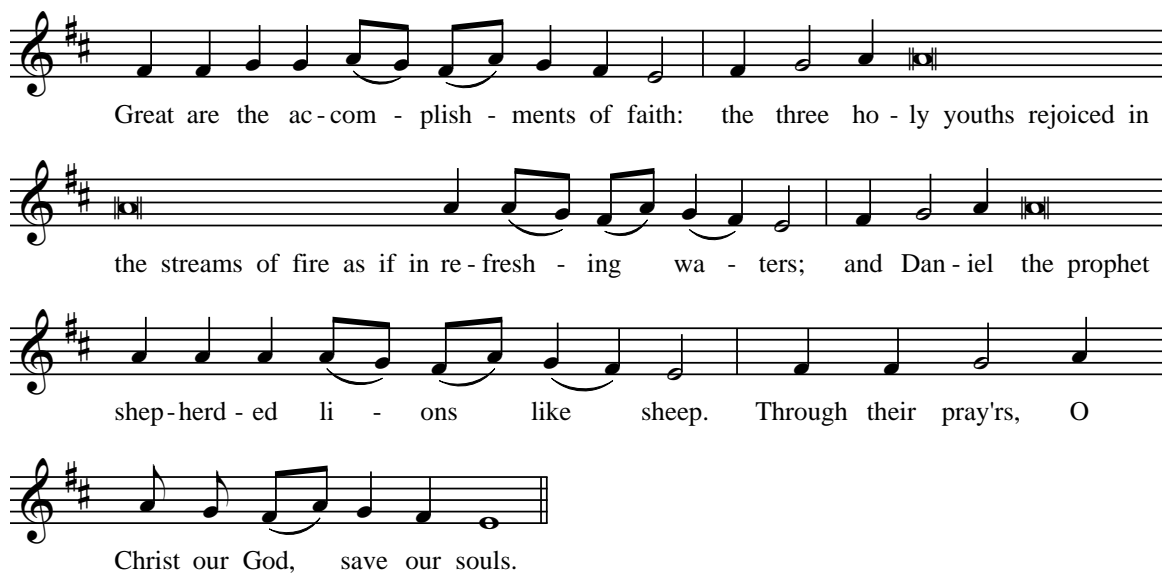
**Divine Liturgy Propers, December 21, 2014**  
**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**  
**Sunday of the Ancestors**

**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 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.

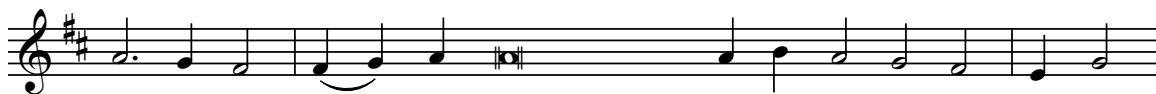
**Troparion of the Pre-feast - Tone 4**



Beth - le - hem, make read - y, E - den has been o - pened for all.



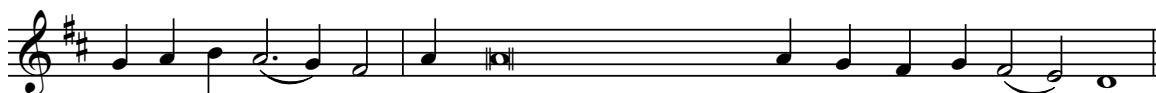
Eph - ra - thah, pre - pare your - self, for the Tree of Life has blossomed from the Vir - gin



in the cave. Her womb has become a spir - it - ual par - a - dise in which

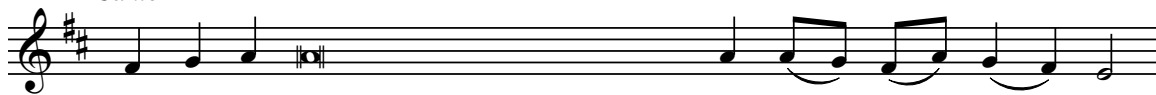


di - vin - i - ty was plant - ed. If we par - take of it, we shall live and



not die like A - dam. Christ is born to raise up the like - ness that had fall - en.

*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 Pre-feast - Tone 2**



As we see the One who holds the world in his hands now wrapped in

swad-dling clothes in Beth-le-hem, let us of-fer our hymns in anticipation to  
 the one who gave him birth; for with a mother's joy she cra - dles the  
 Son of God.

**Prokeimenon - 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 - 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.

Communion Hymn for Sunday (Psalm 148:1):

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Praise the Lord, the Lord from the heav - ens, praise him,




praise him in the high-est. *Refrain* Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - - le - lu - ia!

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


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



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



Al - - - le - lu - ia!