

**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.*


**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 - tyrs, 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.