

# Hymns of the Festal Cycle

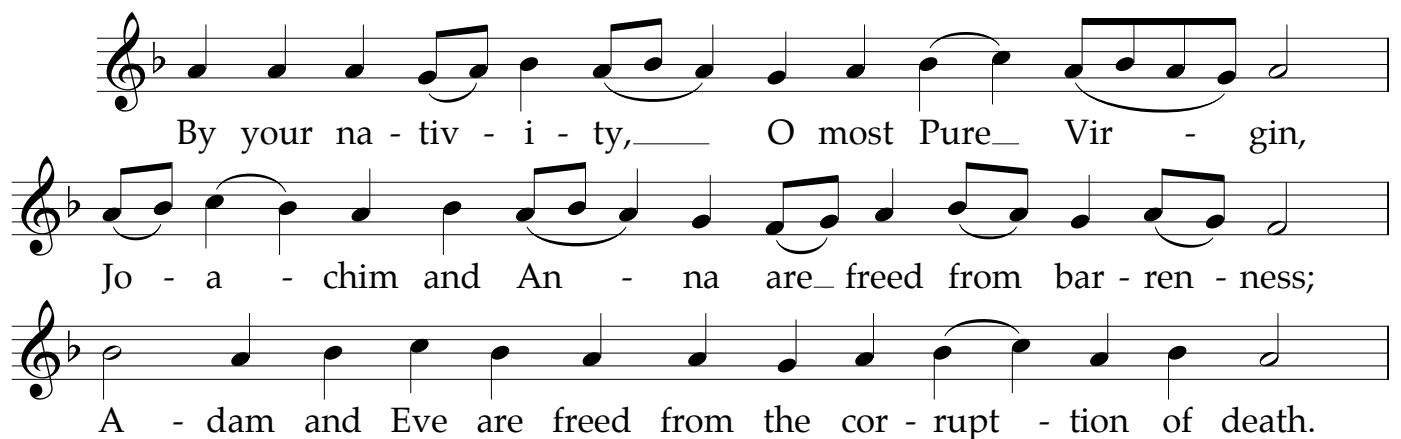
## Nativity of the Theotokos (Sept 8/21)

### Troparion - Tone 4



Your na - tiv - i - ty, O Vir - - gin,  
has pro - claimed joy to the whole u - ni - verse!  
The Sun of Right - eous - ness, Christ our God, has shone from you,  
O The - o - to - kos! By an - nul - ing the curse,  
He be - stowed a bless - - - ing.  
By de - stroy - ing death, He has grant - ed  
us e - ter - nal life.

### Kontakion - Tone 4



By your na - tiv - i - ty, O most Pure Vir - gin,  
Jo - a - chim and An - na are freed from bar - ren - ness;  
A - dam and Eve are freed from the cor - rupt - tion of death.

And we your peo - ple, freed from the guilt of sin,  
 cel - e - brate and sing to you:  
 the bar - ren wo - man gives birth to the The - o - to - kos,  
 the nour - - - ish - er of our life.

Prokeimenon - Tone 3

My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord  
 and my spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior!

Irmos - Tone 8

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul,  
 the Vir - gin Ma - ry born of a bar - ren womb.  
 Vir - gin - i - ty is for - eign to mo - thers;  
 child - bear - ing is strange for vir - gins.

But in you, O The - o - to - kos,  
both were ac - comp - lished.  
For this, all earth - ly na - tions  
un - ceas - ing - ly mag - ni - fy you!

### Elevation of the Cross (Sept 14/27)

#### Troparion - Tone 1

O Lord, save Thy peo - ple, and bless Thine  
in - her - i - tance. Grant vic - to - ries to the Or - tho - dox  
Chris - tians o - ver their ad - ver - sa - ries;  
and by vir - tue of Thy Cross, pre - serve Thy hab - i - ta - tion.

#### Kontakion - Tone 4

As Thou wast vol - un - tar - i - ly cru - ci - fied for our sake,  
grant mer - cy to those who are called by Thy name;

make all Or - tho - dox Chris - tians glad by Thy pow - er,  
 grant - ing them vic - to - ries o - ver their ad - ver - sa - ries,  
 by be - stow - ing on them the in - vin - ci - ble  
 tro - phy, Thy weap - on of peace.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7

Ex - tol the Lord our God; wor - ship at His  
 foot - - stool, for He is ho - - ly.

"Before Thy Cross" - Tone 2 (see pg. 61)

Irmos - Tone 8

Mag - ni - fy, O my soul,  
 the most pre - cious Cross of the Lord.  
 You are the mys - tic - al Par - a - dise, O The - o - to - kos,  
 through which Christ blos - - - - - somed;

Through Him the life - bear - ing Wood of the Cross  
 was plant - ed on earth.  
 Now at its e - le - va - tion, as we bow in wor - ship  
 be - fore it, we mag - ni - fy you!

### Protection of the Theotokos (Oct 1/14)

#### Troparion - Tone 4

To - day the faith - ful cel - e - brate the feast with joy,  
 il - lu - mined by your com - ing, O Mo - ther of God.  
 Be - hold - ing your pure im - - - age,  
 we fer - vent - ly cry to you. En - com - pass us  
 be - neath the pre - cious veil of your pro - tec - - - tion  
 and de - liv - er us from eve - ry form of e - - - vil,

by en - treat - ing Christ, your Son and our God

that He may save our souls.

Kontakion - Tone 3

To - day the Vir - gin stands in the midst of the Church,

and with choirs of saints she in - vis - i - bly prays to

God for us. An - gels and bish - ops wor - ship;

a - pos - tles and proph - ets re - joice to - geth - er,

since for our sake the The - o - to - kos prays

to the e - ter - - - - - nal God.

Prokeimenon - Tone 3

My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord

and my spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior!

Venerable Mother Paraskeva (Oct 14/27)Troparion - Tone 4

You loved the sil - ent and sol - i - tar - y life,  
 and fer - vant - ly fol - lowed Christ your Bride - groom.  
 Hav - ing tak - en His ea - sy yoke in your youth,  
 and hav - ing man - ful - ly armed your - self by the sign  
 of the Cross a - gainst your spir - it - u - al en - e - mies;  
 through as - cet - ic lab - ors fast - ing and prayers,  
 and by your tears, you ex - tin - guished the  
 coals of pas - sions, O glo - rious Pa - ra - ske - va.  
 And now as you stand in the heav - en - ly bride - cham - ber  
 of the wise vir - gins in the pre - sence of Christ, pray for us who  
 ven - e - rate your pre - cious mem - o - ry.

St. Paraskeva: Kontakion - Tone 6

Let us all sing hymns to Saint Pa - ra - ske - va,  
a pro - tect - or of those who are in per - il.  
She for - sook \_\_\_\_\_ the life cor - rupt - i - ble  
and \_\_\_\_\_ gained the one which is \_\_\_\_\_ in - cor - rupt - i - ble;  
where - fore, by the will of God, she was grant - ed glo - ry  
and the pow - er to per - form \_\_\_\_\_ mir - - a - cles.

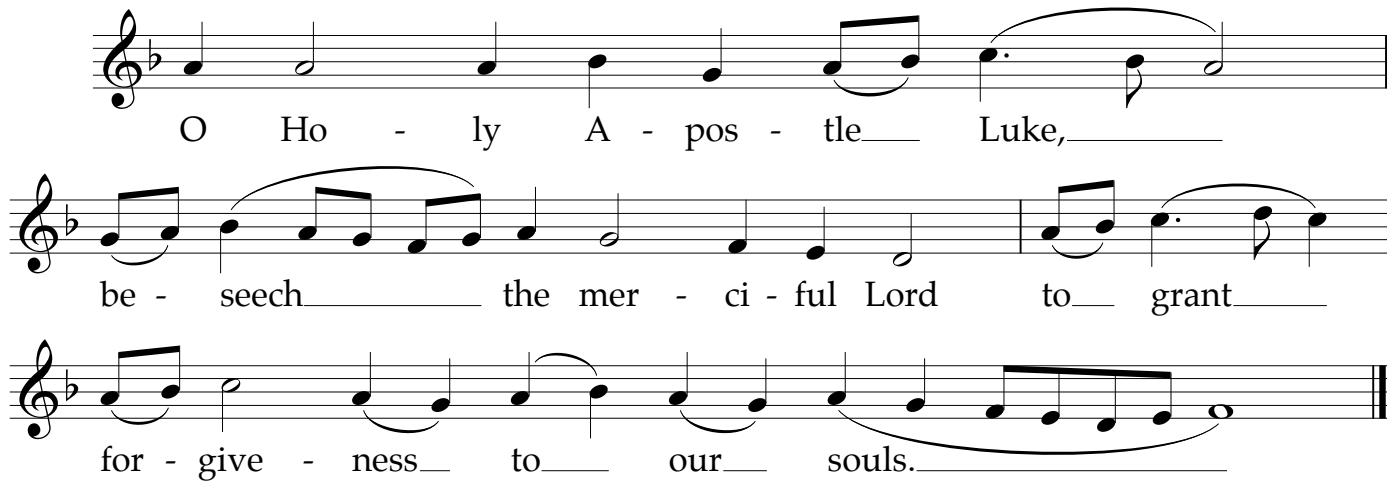
Prokeimenon - Tone 4

God is won - der - ful in His saints,  
the God \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Is - ra - el!



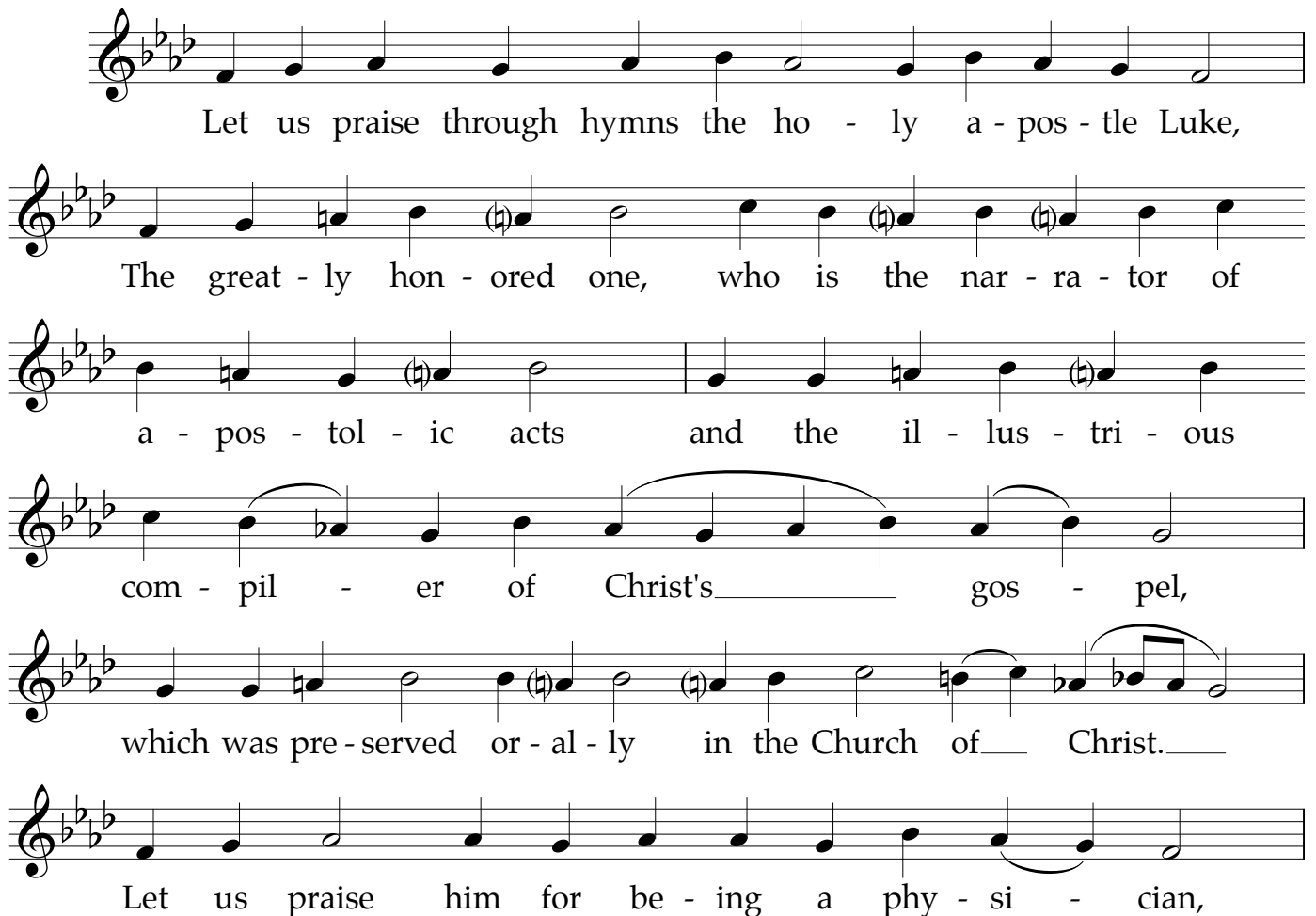
## The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke (Oct 18/31)

### Troparion I - Tone 3



O Ho - ly A - pos - tle Luke,  
 be - seech the mer - ci - ful Lord to grant  
 for - give - ness to our souls.

### St. Luke: Troparion II - Tone 5



Let us praise through hymns the ho - ly a - pos - tle Luke,  
 The great - ly hon - ored one, who is the nar - ra - tor of  
 a - pos - tol - ic acts and the il - lus - tri - ous  
 com - pil - er of Christ's gos - pel,  
 which was pre - served or - al - ly in the Church of Christ.  
 Let us praise him for be - ing a phy - si - cian,

heal - ing hu - man ail - ment, phys - i - cal sick - ness - es  
 and spir - i - tual wounds, and in - ter - ced - ing  
 in - cess - ant - ly for our souls.

St. Luke: Kontakion - Tone 2

Let us praise Saint Luke, a gen - u - ine preach - er of  
 vir - - tues, a pro - claim - er of in - ef - fa - ble  
 mys - ter - ies, a star of the Church.  
 The Word, Who know - eth hearts hath cho - sen him to - geth - er  
 with the wise Paul, to be the  
 teach - - er of in - - fa - dels.

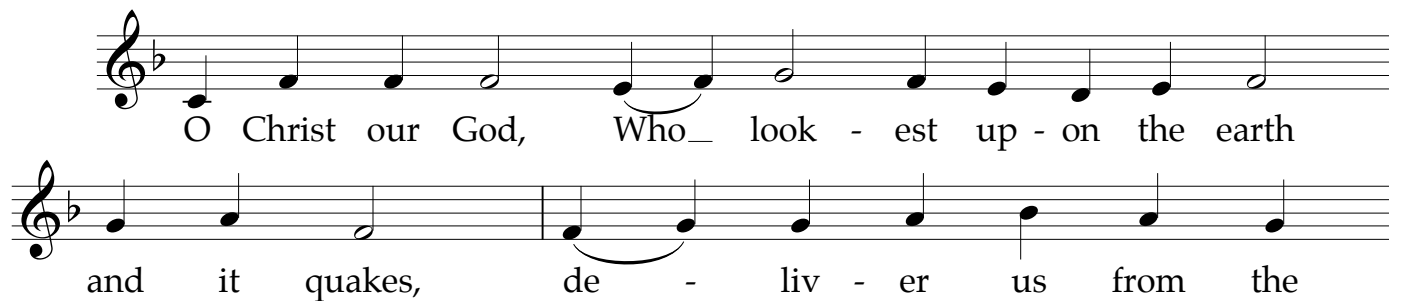
## The Holy and Great Martyr Demetrius (Oct 26/Nov 8)

### Troparion - Tone 3



The world has seen you in af - flic - tions,  
 O pas - sion bear - er, as a  
 great war - ri - or van - quish - ing the na - tions.  
 You sub - dued the fool - ish - ness of Le - o,  
 and in bat - tle you bol - stered the cour - age of  
 Nes - tor. O ho - ly De - me - tri - us,  
 pray to Christ our God,  
 that He will grant us great mer - cy.

### Troparion of the Great Earthquake - Tone 8



O Christ our God, Who look - est up - on the earth  
 and it quakes, de - liv - er us from the

dread - ful men - ace of earth - - quakes,  
 send up - on us Thine a - bun - dant mer - - cy,  
 and through the prayers of the The - o - to - kos save us.

**Troparion of the Theotokos: "Rejoice, O Virgin" - Tone 4 (see Volume I - pg. 107)**

**St. Demetrius: Kontakion - Tone 2**

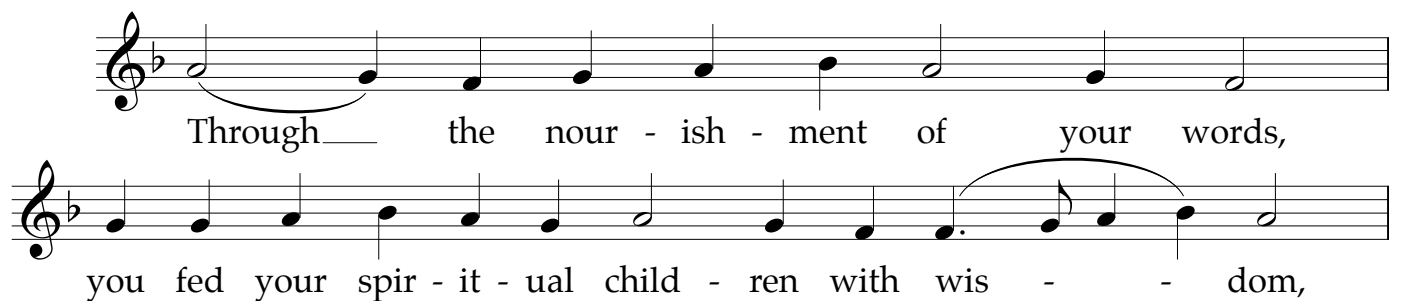
God, Who hath en - dowed you  
 with an in - vin - ci - ble pow - - er,  
 tinged the Church with your blood, O De - me - tri - us;  
 He al - so keeps your cit - y un - harmed,  
 for you are its pro - tec - tion.

St. Arsenie - Serbian Archbishop (Oct 28/Nov 10)  
Troparion: Tone 8



O in - struc - tor of mer - cy and treas - ur - y of vir - tues,  
 which you made ac - cess - i - ble to eve - ry - one,  
 O teach - er of the True Faith  
 and the div - ine or - na - ment of hier - archs,  
 our fa - ther Ar - sen - ie,  
 you were the de - fen - der of the poor.  
 Be - seech Christ our God to en - light - en our souls  
 that we may not meet our death un - pre - pared.

St. Arsenie: Kontakion - Tone 2



Through the nour - ish - ment of your words,  
 you fed your spir - it - ual child - ren with wis - dom,

O God - bear - ing Ar - sen - - - ie;  
 prais - ing with your tongue, of - fer - ing hymns with your lips,  
 con - vinc - ing - ly ex - claim - - - ing:  
 O Christ, Thou art the Light In - ef - fa - ble.

Prokeimenon (Tone 1)

My mouth shall speak wis - dom, and the med - i - ta - tion  
 of my heart shall be un - der - stand - ing.

St. Stefan Milutin - Serbian King (Oct 30 Nov 12)

Troparion - Tone 3

On earth, you loved Christ with all your soul  
 and ob - served His com - mand - - - ments.  
 Like a riv - er, you a - bund - ant - ly wat - ered with your

gen - er - ous - i - ty those who with - ered from pov - er - ty;  
 and you pro - vid - ed for the needs of your peo - - ple.  
 Ev - en the tomb with your re - lics of - fers the  
 pleas - ant scent of heal - ing to eve - ry - one.  
 We there - fore sup - pli - cate you, O saint,  
 pray that a - bun - dant mer - cy be grant - ed to our souls.

### St. Stefan Milutin - Serbian King: Kontakion - Tone 4

To your coun - try you were a most glo - rious shoot  
 from an ex - cel - lent root, of the same kind as your an - ces - tors,  
 yet in a new man - - ner; and to your  
 peo - ple you are a pre - cious im - - age.

St. Archangel Michael (Nov 8/21)

Troparion - Tone 4

O com - man - ders of the heav - en - ly hosts,  
 we who are un - wor - thy be - seech you cease - less - ly,  
 that you would en - com - pass us with the shel - ter  
 of your prayers, and cov - er us be - neath the wings of your  
 im - ma - ter - i - al glo - ry.  
 We fall down be - fore you, cry - ing out,  
 pro - tect us from all harm, O prin -  
 ces of the pow - ers on high!



### St. Archangel Michael: Kontakion - Tone 2

You prin - ces and lead - ers of the arm - ies of God.

Ser - vants of the di - vine glo - ry and guides of men.

Ask what - ev - er is good for us and boun - ti - ful mer - cy,

O com - man - ders of the heav - en - ly host!

### Prokeimenon - Tone 4

He makes His an - gels spir - its,

and His min - is - ters a flam - ing fire.

St. Stefan of Decani (Nov 11/24)

Troparion - Tone 4

In ac - comp - lish - ing your he - ro - ic deeds,

you suf - fered man - i - fold wounds,

and up - on the end of your life, you re - ceived the

crown from God and joined the ranks of the Mar - tyrs, and were

set - tled with hon - or in the dwell - ings of the meek.

O bless - ed one, pray Christ our God for us,

to grant His great mer - cy on our souls.

### St. Stefan of Decani: Kontakion - Tone 4


Be - cause of your pi - e - ty,  
 meek - ness, right - eous - ness and gen - e - rous - i - ty,  
 the Church has in you a - noth - er  
 Con - stan - tine, O bless - ed one,  
 yet al - so a great mar - tyr and true suf - fer - er,  
 and for that rea - son the Church, tak - ing  
 pride in you, sings hymns to you:  
 Ste - fan is my praise and my strength.

### Prokeimenon - Tone 7

The right - eous shall re - joice in the Lord and hope in Him.

St. Paisius (Nov 15/28)

Troparion - Tone 4



O Pa - i - si - us the joy of Rus - sia,  
the boast of A - thos, and the won - der of Mol - da - vi - a,  
by thy di - vine - ly in - spired teach - ing,  
thou didst di - rect us to the fount of wis - dom and  
sal - va - tion. And now, en - joy - ing in  
hea - ven the vi - sion of Christ God,  
en - treat Him that He may give us His great  
mer - cy, and save our souls.

St. Paisius: Kontakion - Tone 8

Chos - en zea - lot of the mon - as - tic life.

Thou wast like a hard - work - ing bee

nour - ish - ing the souls with thy fa - ther - ly writ - ings,

in - struct - ing all those who are on the path of sal - va - tion.

For this rea - son we call un - to thee:

Re - joice, O wise Pa - i - si - us, Re - new - er of the

El - der - ship in the Rus - sian land.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7

Prec - ious in the sight of the Lord

is the death of His saints.

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Nov 21/Dec 4)

Troparion - Tone 4

To - day\_\_\_\_\_ is the pre - lude of the good\_ will of God,

of the preach - ing of the sal - va - tion of\_ man - kind.

The Vir - gin ap - pears\_\_\_\_\_ in the tem - ple of God,

in an - ti - ci - pa - tion pro - claim - ing\_ Christ to\_ all.

Let us re - joice\_\_\_\_\_ and\_ sing\_ to\_\_\_\_\_ her:

Re - joice,\_\_\_\_\_ O\_ Ful - fill - ment of the Cre - a - -

- tor's\_\_\_\_\_ dis - pen - sa - - tion!

### Entrance of the Theotokos: Kontakion - Tone 4

The most pure Tem - ple of the Sav - ior:  
 the pre - cious Cham - ber and Vir - gin;  
 the sac - red Trea - sure of the glo - ry of God,  
 is pre - sent - ed to - day to the house of the Lord.  
 She brings with her the grace of the Spir - it,  
 which the an - gels of God do praise. Tru - ly this  
 wo - man is the A - bode of Heav - en.

### Prokeimenon - Tone 3

My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord  
 and my spir - it re - joic - es in God my Sav - ior!

Entrance of the Theotokos: Irmos - Tone 4

The an - gels be - held the en - trance  
of the Pure One and were a - mazed! How has the  
Vir - gin en - tered in - to the Ho - ly of Ho - lies?  
As you are a liv - ing Tem - ple of God,  
let no im - pure hand touch you, O  
The - o - to - kos! But let the lips of all be - liev - ers  
sing, con - stant - ly mag - ni - fy - ing you in joy  
with the an - gel - ic sal - u - ta - tion: Tru - ly you  
are a - bove all crea - tures, O Pure One!



St. Nicholas the Wonderworker (Dec 6/19)Troparion - Tone 4

You were re - vealed to your flock as a  
 rule of faith, an im - age of hu - mil - i - ty  
 and a teach - er of ab - sti - nence.  
 Be - cause of your low - li - ness heav - en was  
 o - pened to you. Be - cause of your  
 po - ver - ty ri - ches were grant - ed to you.  
 O ho - ly bish - op Ni - cho - las,  
 pray to Christ our God that our  
 souls may be saved.

St. Nicholas: Kontakion - Tone 3

You proved your - self to be a ho - ly priest,

O Ni - cho - las; you served God in My - ra

and lived the Gos - pel of Christ.

You of - fered your life for your peo - - ple;

and res - cued the in - no - cent from death.

There - fore God has glo - ri - fied you

as a trust - wor - thy guide of things

di - vine.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7

The right - eous shall re - joice in the

Lord and shall hope in Him.

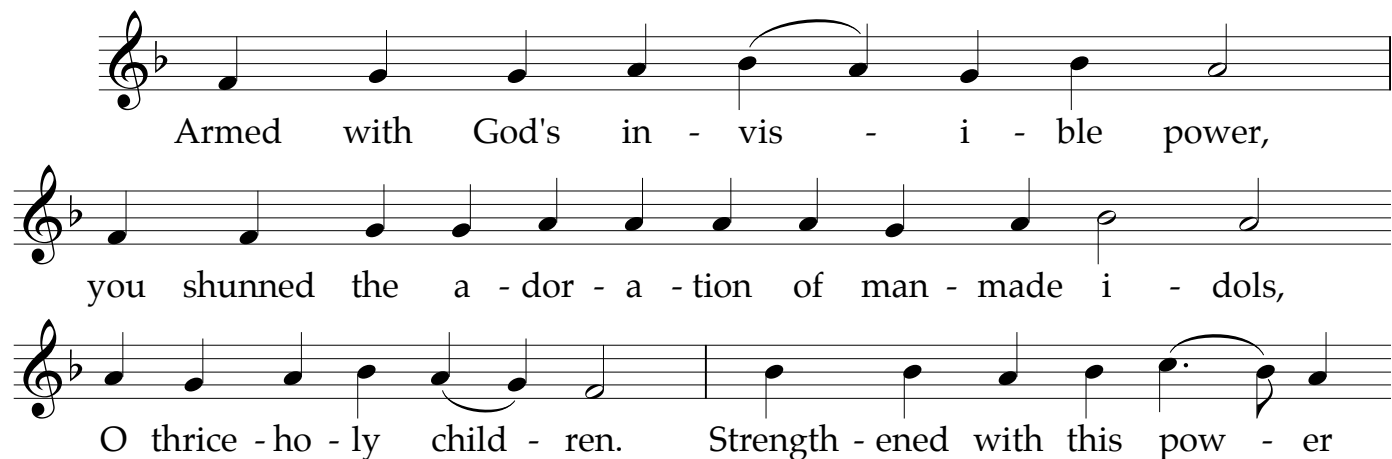
## Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

### Troparion - Tone 2



Through faith, You have just - i - fied the an - cient Fore - fa - thers  
 O Christ our God, and through them You have es - poused  
 in ad - vance the Church, set a - part from the Gen - tiles.  
 The saints re - jice in glo - - ry, for from the seed  
 of these Fore - fa - thers has come forth the glo - rious fruit,  
 who gave You birth with - out seed. Through their  
 in - ter - ces - sion, O Christ God, save our souls!

### Kontakion - Tone 6



Armed with God's in - vis - i - ble power,  
 you shunned the a - dor - a - tion of man - made i - dols,  
 O thrice - ho - ly child - ren. Strength - ened with this pow - er

be - yond\_ words, you stood\_ in the midst of a de - vour - ing fire  
 and called up - on God, say - ing: "Hast - en, O Mer - ci - ful One,  
 and hur - ry to help\_ us, for You are good  
 and have the pow - er to do as You please!"

Prokeimenon (Tone 4)\*

**\*for the Holy Forefathers and Holy Fathers Sunday**

Bless - ed art Thou, O Lord God\_ of our Fa - thers  
 and\_ praised and\_ glo - ri - fied is Thy name for - ev - er!

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

Troparion - Tone 2

Faith can ac - comp - lish great\_ things.  
 Through it, the three ho - ly child - ren re - joi - ce\_ in the flame  
 as if they had been in re - fresh - ing wa - ter,

and Dan - iel in the midst of the li - ons

is like a shep - herd a - mong his sheep. Through their

in - ter - ces - sion, O Christ God, save our souls!

### Sunday of the Holy Fathers

#### Kontakion - Tone 1

Re - joice, O Beth - le - hem, and be read - y O Eph - ra - tha!

Be - hold, the Vir - gin is on her way to give birth

to the Great Shep - herd she car - ries in her womb.

The God - bear - ing fore - fa - thers will re - joice

at this sight and to - geth - er with the shep - herds,

they will glo - ri - fy the Vir - gin feed - ing Him.