

Sunday before Nativity. December 18-19.

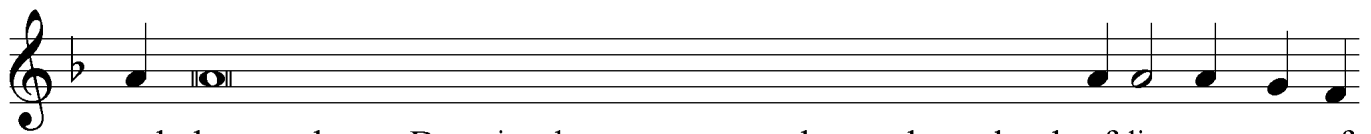
Troparion to the Fathers, Tone 2



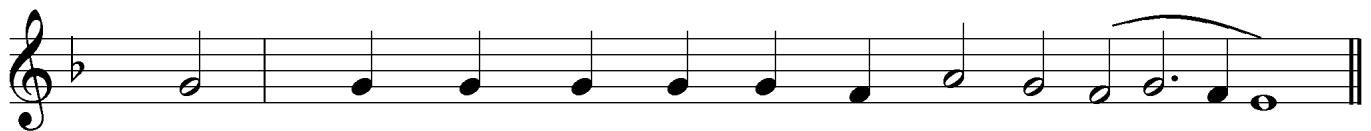
Great are the a - chieve - ments of faith! In the foun - tain of flame,



as in re - fresh - ing wa - - - - ter, the three ho - ly Youths re - - - - joiced;



and the proph - et Dan - i - el was seen to be a shep - herd of li - ons, as of



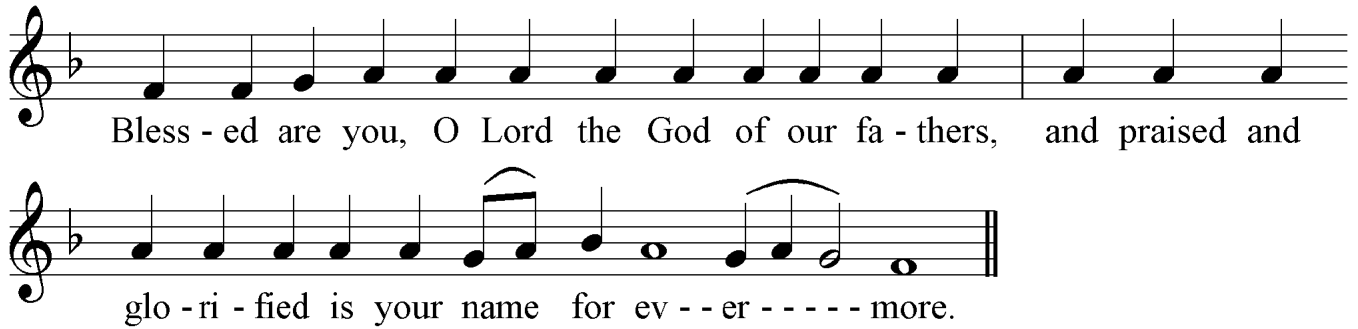
sheep. Through their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kontakion for the Fathers, Tone 6

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases marked with a fermata. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth staff.

You did not ven - er - ate an im - age made with hands, but were
de - fend - ed by a sur - pass - ing Es - - sence; O thrice - bless - ed, you
were glo - ri - fied in your or - deal by fire; and, stand - ing in the
midst of un - bear - a - ble flame, you called up - on God:
Make speed and has - ten to help us, O Com - pas - - - sion - ate, as you
are mer - ci - ful; for you have pow - er to do what - ev - er you will.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4



Bless - ed are you, O Lord the God of our fa - thers, and praised and
glo - ri - fied is your name for ev - - er - - - - - more.

Verse: For you are righteous in all things which you have done for us .

Alleluia, Tone 4



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - - - - - ia.

Verse 1: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us, the work which you did in their days, in days of old.

Verse 2: You have saved us from those who afflicted us, and have put to shame those who hated us.

Communion Chant: Praise the Lord from the heavens, ...

Second Communion Chant: The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance....