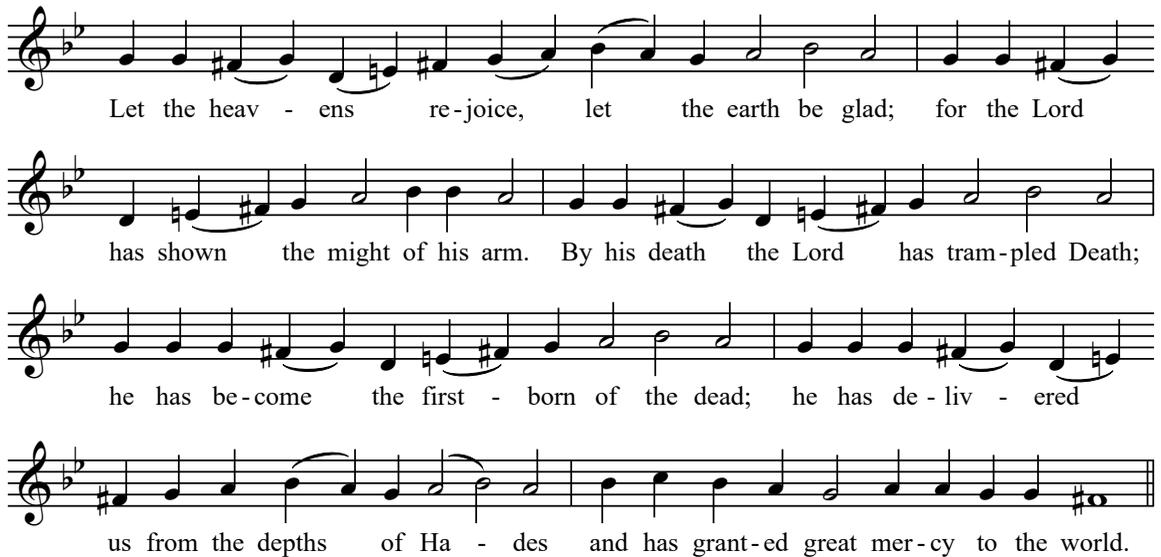


# THIRD HOUR PROPER FOR DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

## SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

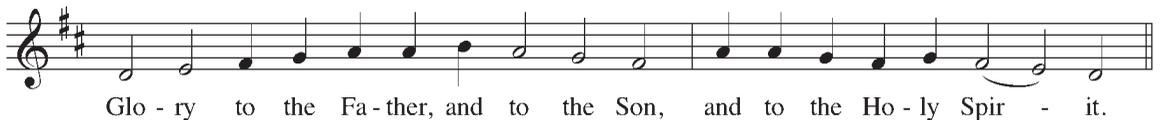
<sup>1</sup>The holy martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, who gave their lives for Christ in Armenia. The holy virgin martyr Lucy, who as long as she lived kept guard over her enkindled lamp for the coming of her Spouse. Led from Syracuse to Sicily to a death for Christ, she was worthy to enter marriage with him and to possess light unfailing. (304)

### Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3



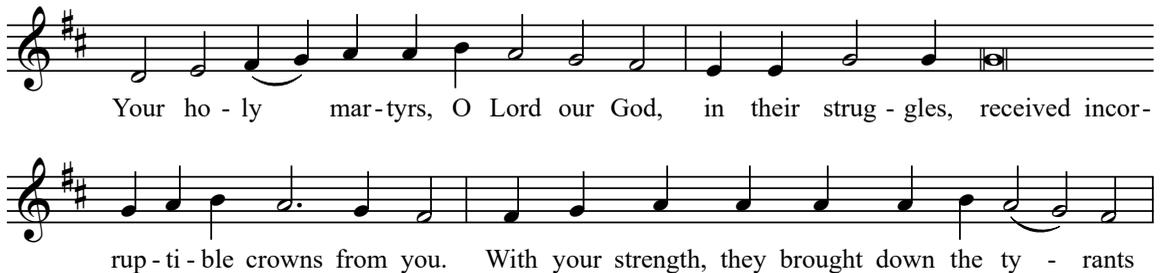
Let the heav - ens re-joyce, let the earth be glad; for the Lord  
has shown the might of his arm. By his death the Lord has tram-pled Death;  
he has be-come the first - born of the dead; he has de - liv - ered  
us from the depths of Ha - des and has grant-ed great mer-cy to the world.

### Cantor (Tone 4):



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

### 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



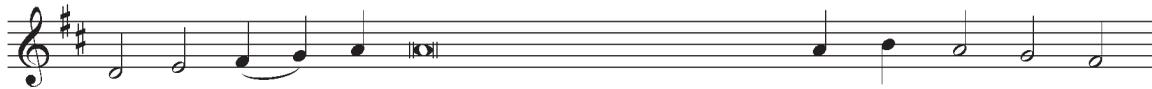
God, save our souls.

**Cantor (Tone 4):**



Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Theotokion of Third Hour – Tone 4:**



O The - o - to - kos, you are the true vine laden with the Fruit of Life;



where - fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede



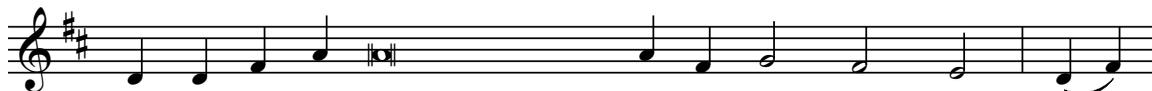
to - gether with the apos-tles and all the saints that we may obtain mer - cy



for our souls.

*Third Hour continues with "May the Lord God be blessed..." on p. 9*

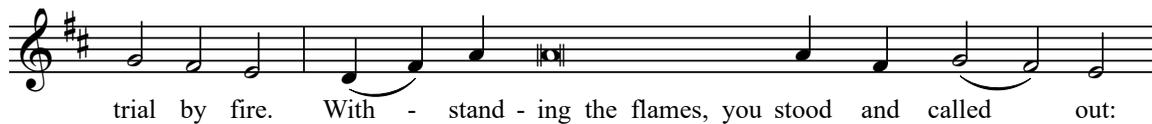
**Kontakion of the Forefathers - Tone 6**



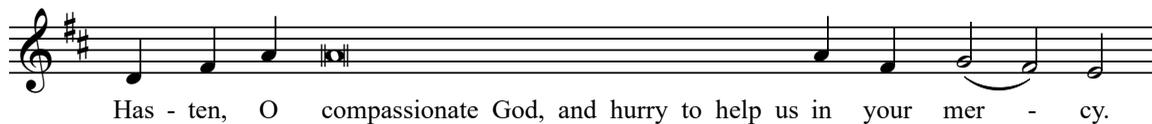
You did not wor - ship a man-made im-age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You



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.

*Third Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 11*

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<sup>1</sup>Special Format