
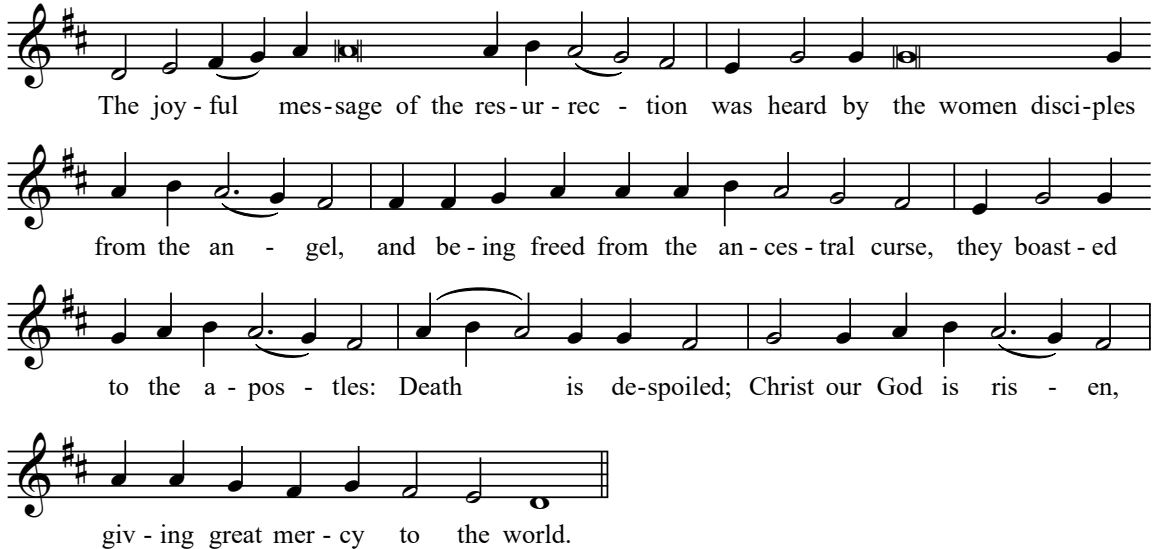


# THIRD HOUR PROPER FOR DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

## SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

**1**  **The Theotokos of Guadalupe**, who first appeared on Dec. 9, 1591 in Mexico to St. Juan Diego, bestowing on him an icon “not made with human hands,” requesting that a church be built in her honor on that mountain. Her shrine there is one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in the Americas. Pope John Paul II named her the Patroness of the Americas.

### Troparion of the Resurrection - *Tone 4*



The joy - ful mes - sage of the res - ur - rec - tion was heard by the women disci - ples  
from the an - gel, and be - ing freed from the an - ces - tral curse, they boast - ed  
to the a - pos - tles: Death is de - spoiled; Christ our God is ris - en,  
giv - ing 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 Theotokos - *Tone 4*



When you ap - peared in the New World, O The - o - to - kos, you fixed your  
im - age on Juan Diego's rose - lad - en til - ma. All the poor, hungry, and oppressed

seek you, Lady of Gua - da - lu - pe. We gaze up - on your miraculous i - con  
and find hope, cry - ing out to your Son con - cealed in your womb:  
Hear our plea for jus - tice, O most mer - ci - ful Lord.

**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**

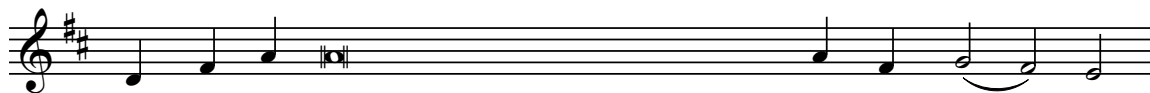
You did not wor - ship a man - made im - age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You



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