

FIRST & THIRD HOUR PROPERs FOR DECEMBER 18TH, 2022

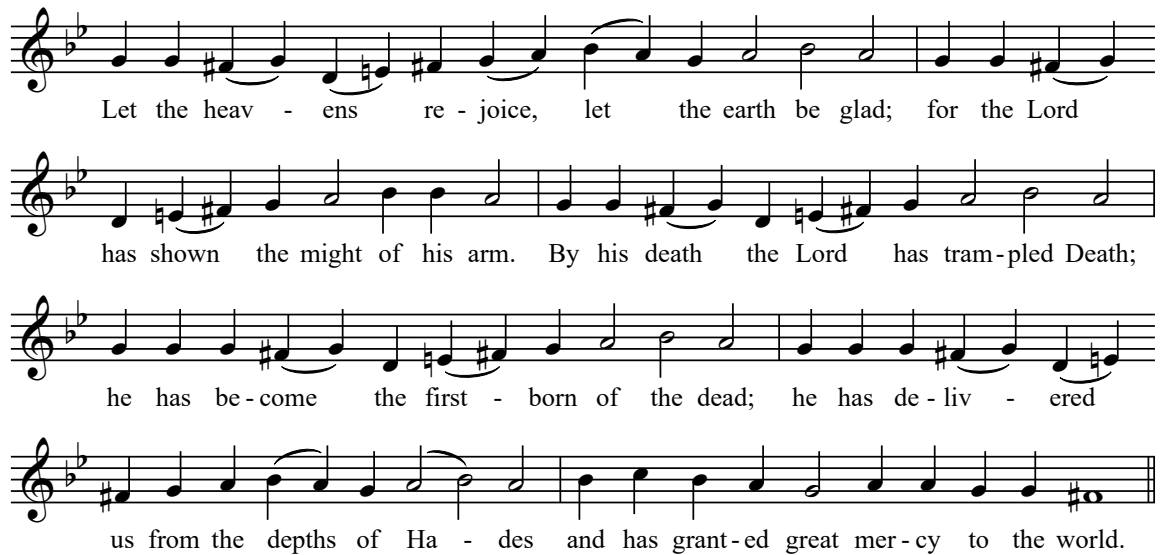
SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY

Sunday of the Ancestors

¹**The holy martyr Sebastian and his companions.** Born in Italy and brought up in the city of Milan, he intended to be a soldier. The emperor Diocletian made him captain of the imperial guard. During this time, Sebastian professed the Faith and was a great help to those persecuted for it. After many of his converts were martyred, the emperor called Sebastian and rebuked him for his betrayal, and he replied, "I always pray to my Christ for your health and for the peace of the Roman Empire." The emperor ordered him stripped and shot with arrows. Since this did not kill him, he was beaten to death with staves. (287)

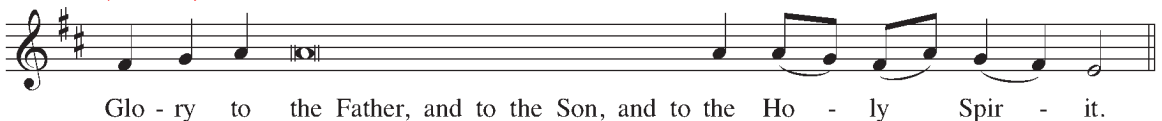
FIRST HOUR

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.

Cantor (*Tone 2*):



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

Troparion of the Ancestors - *Tone 2*



Great are the ac-com - plish - ments of faith: the three ho - ly youths rejoiced in



the streams of fire as if in re-fresh - ing wa - ters; and Dan - iel the prophet



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Christ our God, save our souls.

Cantor (*Tone 2*):



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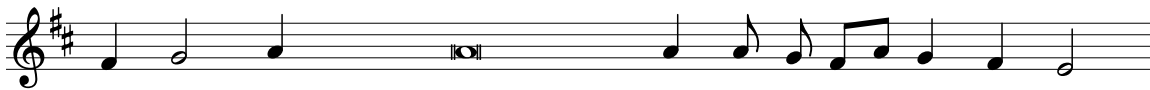
Theotokion of First Hour - *Tone 2*:



What shall we call you, O Full of Grace?



A Hea - ven; for you have born the Sun of Jus - tice?



A Par - a-dise; for you have brought forth the Flower of Im-mor-tal - i - ty?



A Vir - gin; for you have re-mained un - de - filed?



A Moth - er holding in her holy arms the Son who is the God of all?



In - ter - cede with Him for the sal - va - tion of our souls.

First Hour continues with "Guide my footsteps according to your promise..." on p. 7

Kontakion of the Ancestors - Tone 6



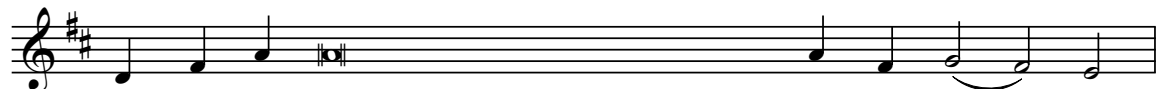
You did not wor - ship a man - made im - age, O thrice - bless'd youths. You



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.

First Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 8

THIRD HOUR

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3



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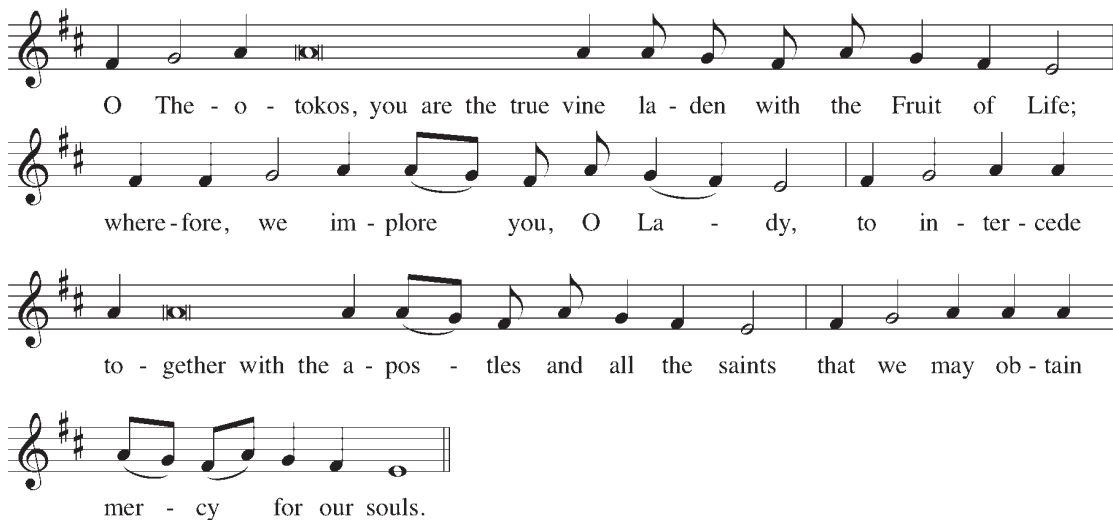
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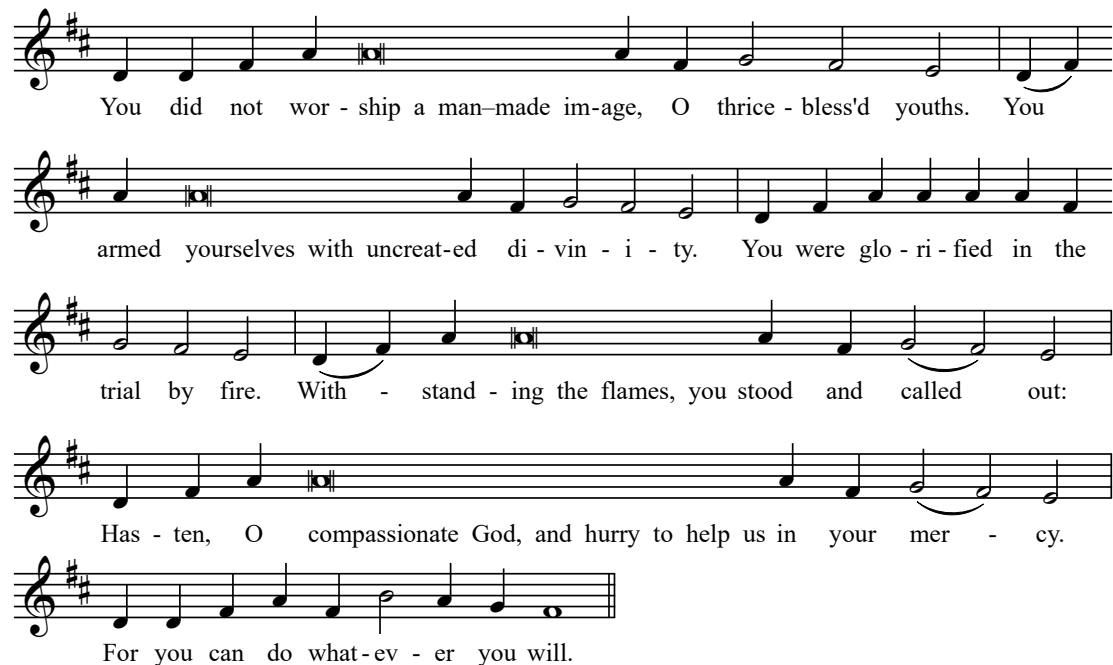
Theotokion of Third Hour – Tone 2:



O The - o - tokos, you are the true vine la - den with the Fruit of Life;
where - fore, we im - plore you, O La - dy, to in - ter - cede
to - gether with the a - pos - tles and all the saints that we may ob - tain
mer - cy for our souls.

Third Hour continues with "May the Lord God be blessed..." on p. 16

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Third Hour continues with "Lord, have mercy..." (40 times) on p. 16