

Sunday of the Fathers  
*Sunday before Nativity*

*On “Lord, I have cried”  
“Glory”... in the 6th tone*

Daniel the man of **divine** desires, / seeing Thee,  
the stone uncut by human **hands**, O Lord, /  
prophetically **called**\_.\_.\_. Thee / a babe born  
without seed, / the Word incarnate of the **Virg**\_in, /  
the **imma**\_cu-late God, // the **Savior of our**\_ souls.

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*On “Lord, I have cried”  
“Both now “ in the same tone*

Splendidly adorn thy**self**, O cave, / for the ewe-  
lamb **com**\_eth / who doth bear **Christ**\_ in her  
womb! / O manger, **receiv**e thou Him / that by a  
word doth release us **mor**\_tals / from irrational  
**acti**\_.**vity**! / Ye piping shepherds, bear witness to  
the awesome **wonder**! / Ye Magi from **Per**\_sia, /  
bring forth gold, **frank**-in-cense and myrrh, / for the  
Lord hath appeared from the Virgin **Mary**. / And the  
Mother, regarding Him as befitteth a **hand**\_maid, /  
worshipped Him and cried out in **greet**\_.**ing** /  
unto Him that was **laid** in her arms: / How wast Thou  
sown **withi**n\_ me? / How didst Thou spring  
**forth**\_. in me, // O my *Deliverer* and God?

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*“Glory” on the Aposticha in the 2nd tone*

**Rejoice**\_, ye honorable **pro**\_phets\_ / who  
dedicated yourselves to the **Law** of the Lord, / and *by*  
**faith** revealed yourselves as unshaken and  
unbreakable **pillars** of Christ; / and, having passed on  
to heaven, ye **beseech**\_ Him // to grant peace to the  
world and *to* **save** our souls\_.\_.\_.

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*“Both now” on the Aposticha in the 2nd tone*

**Behold**\_, the hour of our salvation **draw**\_eth  
nigh\_! / Make **ready**, O cave, / for *the* **Virgin**  
approacheth *to* **give** birth! / Rejoice and be glad, O  
Bethlehem, land of **Ju**\_dah, / for *from* **thee** shall our  
**Lord** shine forth! / Hearken, ye mountains and hills,  
and ye surrounding lands of **Jude**\_a, / *for* **Christ**  
cometh to save man who He hath *cre-a*-ted, // in that  
He is *the* **Lover** of mankind\_.\_.\_!

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*Troparion in the 2nd tone*

**Great** are the **accomplishments** of faith! / in the fountain of flame as in refreshing **water**, / *the* **three** *holy* **children** rejoiced; / and the prophet **Daniel** was shown / to be *a* **shepherd** of **lions** as of sheep. // By their prayers, O Christ **God**, save\_ **Thou** our souls!

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*Kontakion in the 6th tone*

O thrice-blessed ones, who did not honor an i-  
*mage wrought* by hands, / but were *de-fended* by  
the in-de-scri-ba-ble **es**\_sence, / ye were glorified in  
your *or-deal* by fire; / and standing in *the midst* of  
the *un-bear-a-ble* flame, / ye called **upon**\_ God, /  
*say-ing: Speed* Thou and make haste to our aid, O  
*Com-pas-sion-ate* One, / in that Thou *art mer-ci-ful*;  
// for what *Thou will-est, Thou* canst do!