

Sunday of the Forefathers

*On “Lord, I have cried”
in the 8th tone*

4 Celebrating the memory of the **forefathers**
today, / O ye **faith**_.**ful**, / let us hymn as **mighty**
and **powerful** / Christ the **Deliverer**, / who, exalted
them among *all* **na**_.**tions**, / the Lord who hath
faithfully wrought most **glo-ri-ous** **miracles**, / and
who hath, through them, shown us a staff of
pow_.**er**, / the pure Mary, the divine **Maid**_.**en**, /
who **alone**_.**knew** not man, / from whom Christ
issued forth as a **blos**_.**som**, / He who for all *hath* **put**
*forth*_.**life**, // the inexhaustible food and eternal
salva_.**tion**.

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3 O **Master**, who delivered the holy **youths** from *the* fire / and Daniel from *the* **li_ons'** mouths. / who blessed Abraham and Isaac Thy **servant**, and **Ja-cob** his son, / whose good will it was to become like unto **us** through *their* seed: / our forefathers, that *had* **fallen in the** past, / Thou hast saved by Thy **Cross** and *Re-sur-rec_*tion; / and, having broken the **bonds** of death, / with Thyself Thou hast raised all *a-***mong_.** them, / the dead of ages **past**, *who_ wor-*shipped Thee, // O Christ, King of the **a_**ges.

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2 Rejoicing in the dew of the **Spi_rit**, / the godly youths walked in *the midst of the* flame / as in a **light_._._.** rain, / mystically imaging forth therein the **Tri-ni-ty** / and the *in-car-na-tion of* Christ, / and, as they were wise, they quenched the **pow-er of the fire** with faith; / and the righteous Daniel was shown to be a restrainer of **li_ons**. / By their prayers be Thou *en-treat_._ed*, / O **Sav-ior who lov-est** mankind; / deliver us from the unquenchable fire of e-**ter-nity**, // and vouchsafe us Thy **king-dom**, O Lord.

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1 The **faithful** and **ho-ly** youths,/ who walked in
the furnace of the fie-ry **flame** *as in* dew, / mystically
prefigured Thy coming **forth** *from the* **Vir_gin**, /
which hath shown forth upon us without con-**sum-**
ing us; / and the righteous Daniel, wondrous among
the **pro_._phets**, / manifestly revealing Thy divine
Second **Com-ing** *be-fore* _hand, / saith: “I have
beheld the **thrones** *set* up, / and the Judge seated,
and the river of **fire** *flow_ing.*” // By their prayers
may we be delivered therefrom, O **Mas-ter** Christ.

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

O ye **faithful**, / let us praise today all the fathers
before the **old_** law: / Abraham, the be-**lov_**ed of
God, / and Isaac, who was born according to the
promise, / and Jacob and the twelve **pa-tri-archs**, /
the most meek **Da_._._**vid, / and Daniel, the **pro-**
phet of desires, / glorifying with them the three
youths who transformed the **fur-nace** into dew; / and
let us ask remission of **Christ_._._** God, // who is
glo-ri-fied in His saints.

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Both now, on the Aposticha in the 3rd tone

Come ye who love *the feasts of the Church*, /
and with **psalms** let us praise the assembly of *the*
forefathers: / **Adam**, *the fore-father of us all*, /
Enoch, Noah, **Mel-chi**-zedek, / **Abraham**, Isaac *and*
Ja__cob; / and **after** the Law, Moses and Aaron,
Joshua, Samuel *and* **Da**_vid, / and with **them**,
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezeki-el **Da**__niel / and the twelve
prophets, together with Elija-h, Elisha *and* **all** the
rest, / Ze-cha-**ri**-ah and *the Fore-run*_ner; // who all
preached Christ, the Life and Re-sur-**rec**__tion of
our race.

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Troparion in the 2nd tone

*By **faith** didst Thou justify *the* **forefathers**, / O **Thou** who, through them, / didst *be-troth* Thyself *a-fore-time* to the Church/ which was from among the **na-tions**. / *The **saints** boast in **glo_ry**, / for from their seed hath come a right **glo-ri-ous** fruit, / e-ven **she who gave** Thee birth, // O Christ God, by their *prayers have **mer-cy u-pon_** us.***

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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!