SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS – Tone 4

Tropar Sunday - Tone 4:

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen* granting to the world great mercy."

Tropar of the Forefathers - Tone 2:

O Christ, You have justified the forefathers by faith,* thus forming through them the Church of the gentiles.* These saints are glorified because the Virgin who bore You descends from them.* O Christ God, through their prayers have mercy on us.

Glory Be to the Father . . . - Tone 6

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

Kondak of the Forefathers - Tone 6:

Armed with invisible power,*you did not adore the idols made by human hands, O thrice-holy youths;* strengthened by a power beyond words,* you stood in the midst of a devouring fire and called upon God, saying,* “Hasten, O merciful One, and speed to our help,* for You are good and have power to do whatever you desire.”

Now and for ever . . . - Tone 4

Sunday Kondak - Tone 4:

My Saviour and Deliverer* from the grave as God has raised out of bondage the children of earth* and shattered the gates of Hades;* and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Prokimen - Tone 4:

Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

Verse: *For you are just in all you have done*

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Epistle:

A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Colossians. (3: 4 - 11)

Alleluia Verses:

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel, among those who called upon his name.

They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

Gospel: Luke 14: 16-24

Communion Hymn (Verses):

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.
Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!