

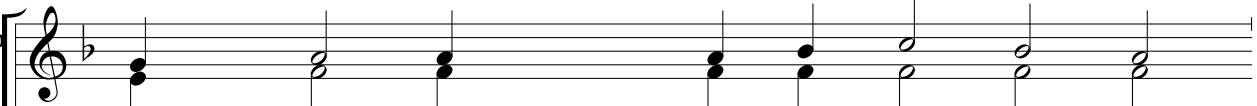
SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST

(SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD)

Troparion - Tone 2

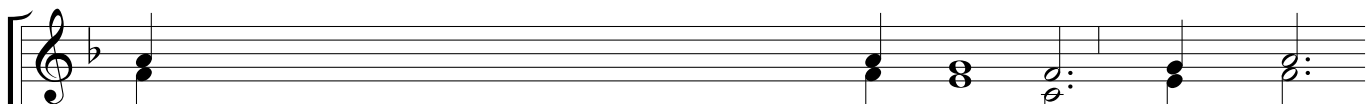
Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from L'vov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

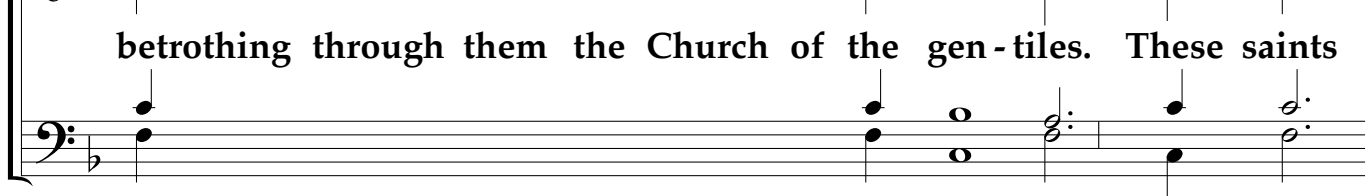


Tenor
Bass

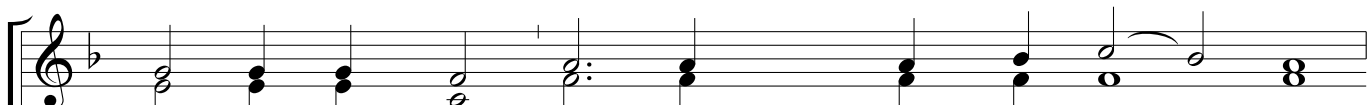
Through faith Thou didst justify the Fore - fa - thers,




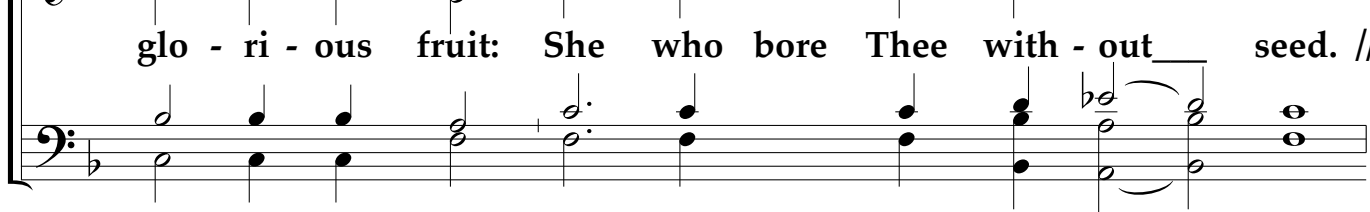
betrothing through them the Church of the gen - tiles. These saints




ex - ult in glo - ry, for from their seed came forth a



glo - ri - ous fruit: She who bore Thee with - out seed. //



So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mer - cy on us!



SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST

(SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*)

Kontakion - Tone 6**


Russian Imperial Court Chant
arr. from Lvov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto



Tenor
Bass

You did not worship the grav - en im - age, O thrice -



8

bless - ed ones, but armed with the immateri - al Es - sence of God,



8

you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of



unbearable flames you called on God, cry - ing: Hasten, O



com - pas - sion - ate One! Speed - i - ly come to our aid, //

Sunday of the Forefathers
Kontakion - Obikhod

for Thou art merciful and able to do as Thou dost will.

* *This kontakion is also sung on the Sunday before the Nativity of Christ when it falls outside the prefeast, i.e. December 18 or 19.*

** *Slavonic sources prescribe this kontakion to be sung in Tone 6 (plagal of Tone 2) while some Byzantine sources prescribe Tone 2.*