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Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

TROPAR - Tone 8

Thou hast justified the ancient forefathers by their faith; /
Through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed to Thyself the
Church of the Gentiles. /

Let the saints thus be glorified, /
For from their seed there came forth a noble fruit: /
She who gave birth to Thee without seed; ///
By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

KONTAKION - Tone 2

O thrice-blessèd ones, you did not worship the image made by man /
But armed with the invisible power of God /
You were glorified in a trial by fire; /
From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God /
Crying: Hasten, O Compassionate One! /
Speedily come to our defense ///
For Thou art merciful and able to accomplish all that Thou dost will.