

DEC 18-19

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY; Commemoration of the
Holy Fathers

NOTE: Cf. Dec. 20-24

THE TROPARION of the Resurrection, and:

TROPARION (*Fathers*) - Tone 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith, /
For the three holy youths rejoiced in fountain of flames as
though at the waters of rest. /
And the prophet Daniel appeared /
A shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep:
So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

KONTAKION (*Fathers*) - 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.