

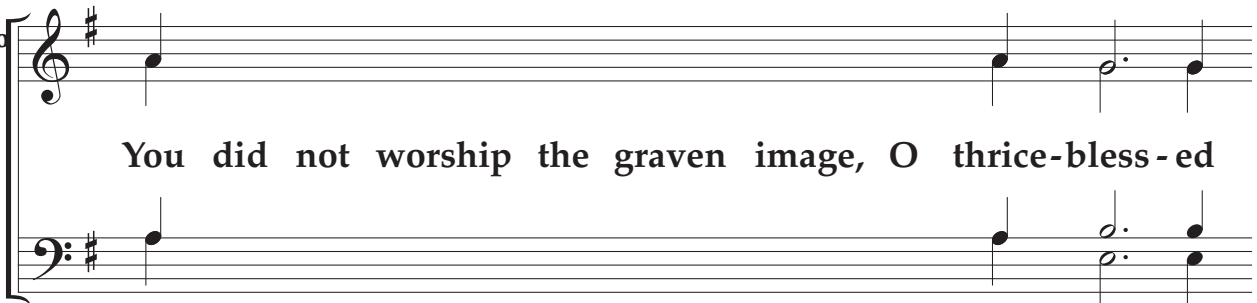
SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST

(SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*)

Kontakion - Tone 6**


Abbreviated Kievan Chant

Soprano
Alto




Tenor
Bass


You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-bless-ed



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



you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the



midst of unbearable flames you called on God, cry - ing: Has - ten,



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

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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.*