

**Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, Tone 2**  
**– Post-feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God**

**Tropar Sunday, Tone 2:**

When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,\* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.\* When You raised the dead from the nether world,\* all the powers of heaven cried out:\* “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

**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 ..., Tone 4:**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,\* now and forever and ever. Amen.

**Kondak Feast Day, Tone 4:**

Today the universe rejoices,\* for Anne conceived in a manner caused by God;\* and because the one born to her\* will give birth to the Word.

**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:** 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

**Instead of ‘It is truly right . . .’:**

O my soul, extol the glorious conception\* of the Mother of God.\* You are an inexhaustible source of life,\* O Mother of God.\* You are a radiant lamp of grace, a temple of the Holy Spirit,\* an all-pure tent more spacious\* than the heavens and the earth.\* Therefore, we the faithful,\* praise you.

**Communion 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.