

Kontakion - Tone 2

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

December 11-17

Court Chant

S
A

T
B

A hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-bless-ed ones;

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of the chant. It features two staves: a Soprano (S) staff in treble clef and an Alto (A) staff in treble clef. Below them are two more staves: a Tenor (T) staff in bass clef and a Bass (B) staff in bass clef. The music is in a minor key with one flat. The lyrics are: "A hand-wrought image ye would not worship, O thrice-bless-ed ones;"

but armed with the Indescribable Essence, ye were glorified in your

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of the chant. It features two staves: a Soprano (S) staff in treble clef and an Alto (A) staff in treble clef. Below them are two more staves: a Tenor (T) staff in bass clef and a Bass (B) staff in bass clef. The music continues from the previous line. The lyrics are: "but armed with the Indescribable Essence, ye were glorified in your"

or-deal by fire. Standing in the midst of the flame, ye called up-on God:

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of the chant. It features two staves: a Soprano (S) staff in treble clef and an Alto (A) staff in treble clef. Below them are two more staves: a Tenor (T) staff in bass clef and a Bass (B) staff in bass clef. The music continues. The lyrics are: "or-deal by fire. Standing in the midst of the flame, ye called up-on God:"

Speed Thou, O Com-pas-sion-ate One, and hasten, as Thou art merciful, to come

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of the chant. It features two staves: a Soprano (S) staff in treble clef and an Alto (A) staff in treble clef. Below them are two more staves: a Tenor (T) staff in bass clef and a Bass (B) staff in bass clef. The music continues. The lyrics are: "Speed Thou, O Com-pas-sion-ate One, and hasten, as Thou art merciful, to come"

un-to our aid, for Thou art a-ble if Thou will— it.

Detailed description: This block contains the fifth and final line of the chant. It features two staves: a Soprano (S) staff in treble clef and an Alto (A) staff in treble clef. Below them are two more staves: a Tenor (T) staff in bass clef and a Bass (B) staff in bass clef. The music concludes with a fermata. The lyrics are: "un-to our aid, for Thou art a-ble if Thou will— it."

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