1) As we the faithful celebrate today the Fathers

memory, let us praise Christ the Redeemer and our King,

Who magnified them in the midst of all nations upon the earth

and through faith accomplished strange and wondrous signs, performing

marvels and miracles, since He is powerful and strong, and Who from them hath shown unto us

that rod of power prophesied: Mary, the Child of God,

who alone had no experience of man

and from whom came the Flower,
the promised Christ, Who sprouted life for all, inexhaustible delight, and our salvation to eternity.

2) O Master, Who didst rescue from the fire the Children in Babylon and wise Daniel from the lions' gaping mouths; Thou Who didst bless great Abraham, holy Isaac, Thy servant, and his son Jacob, the beloved Israel; Thou Who wast pleased to become like us from their descendants and their seed, to save our first parents, who of old had slipped and fallen into death: Thou, Lord, wast crucified, and wast buried, and didst burst the bonds of death,
with Thy self resurrecting

all that since time began lay 'midst the dead, who then worshipped

Thee, O Christ, and Thine eternal Kingdom over all.

3) As in a gentle shower 'midst the flame, the Children of God rejoiced as they walked about 'midst the Spirit's dew;

and in the flame they mystically did prefigure the Trinity and the wondrous Incarnation of Christ God; since they were wise, by their faith in God they quenched the power of the fire; and righteous Daniel was also seen to muzzle lions in the den. Since Thou, O Friend of man,
art entreated by their prayers in our behalf,

rescue us all, O Savior,

from the eternal fire that nought can quench, and vouchsafe that we attain unto Thy Kingdom in the Heavens, O Lord.

faithful Youths proved to be as in a cool, refreshing dew;

then did they mystically portray from before that Thou wast to come from a Virgin whom Thy brightness would not burn. As for Thy coming the second time in Thy dread glory as our God, the wondrous Prophet and righteous man,
great Daniel, clearly hath foretold, when he cried out and said:

I beheld until the thrones were set in place

and the Judge sat for judgment;

and then rushed forth the river of that fire, from the which may we be saved, by their entreaties, O our Master Christ.