

**Vesper Propers, July 15, 2007**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005*  
*Tone of the Week: Tone 6 (begins on page 82), stichera 10 - 5.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

**Stichera of the Council Fathers - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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O Word of God and Lov er of us all, in - finite and beyond description in your  
tak - ing flesh for our sake, the no - ble as - sem - bly of Fa - thers  
pro - claimed that you are both perfect man and per - fect God, one person in two  
perfect natures with two per - fect wills. There - fore, we profess that  
you are one God, with the Fa - ther and the Ho ly Spir - it.  
We sing a hymn of praise to the Fa - thers, and we a - dore you.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

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O glo-rious Fa-thers of the Coun-cils, you demonstrated that Pyrrhus, Sergius,  
and O-nu-phri - us, Di - o - sco - rus, and Nestorius were in er - ror  
con-cern - ing their doctrines a - bout Christ. You save the flock by teaching the  
true prin-ci - ple that Christ is one divine person in two na - tures.  
This Christ we adore as perfect man and per-fect God, one with the Father and the  
Ho - ly Spir - it. O holy Fathers, we hon - or you and sing to you a  
hymn of praise.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord all the nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you people.

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The Fa - thers of the Councils, in spired by God, de - clare and ex - plain that in Christ  
there is a di - vine act and a di - vine will, un - cre - at - ed and in - fin - ite:

our fa - thers as bea - cons on the earth, lead - ing us all to the  
true faith through them. O most mer - ci - ful Lord, glo - ry to you!

**Cantor:** Glory...now and ever...

**Theotokion**

O gra - cious Lord, for the sake of man - kind you were born of a vir - gin;  
through your death on the cross you con - quered Death; and through  
your re - sur - rec - tion you re - vealed your - self as God. O Mer - ci - ful Lord,  
do not dis - dain those whom you have cre - a - ted with your own hands,  
but show forth your love for man - kind. Ac - cept the in - ter - ces - sion  
which the Moth - er who bore you makes in our be - half: O Sav - ior,  
save your des - pair - ing peo - - - ple.

**Theotokion**

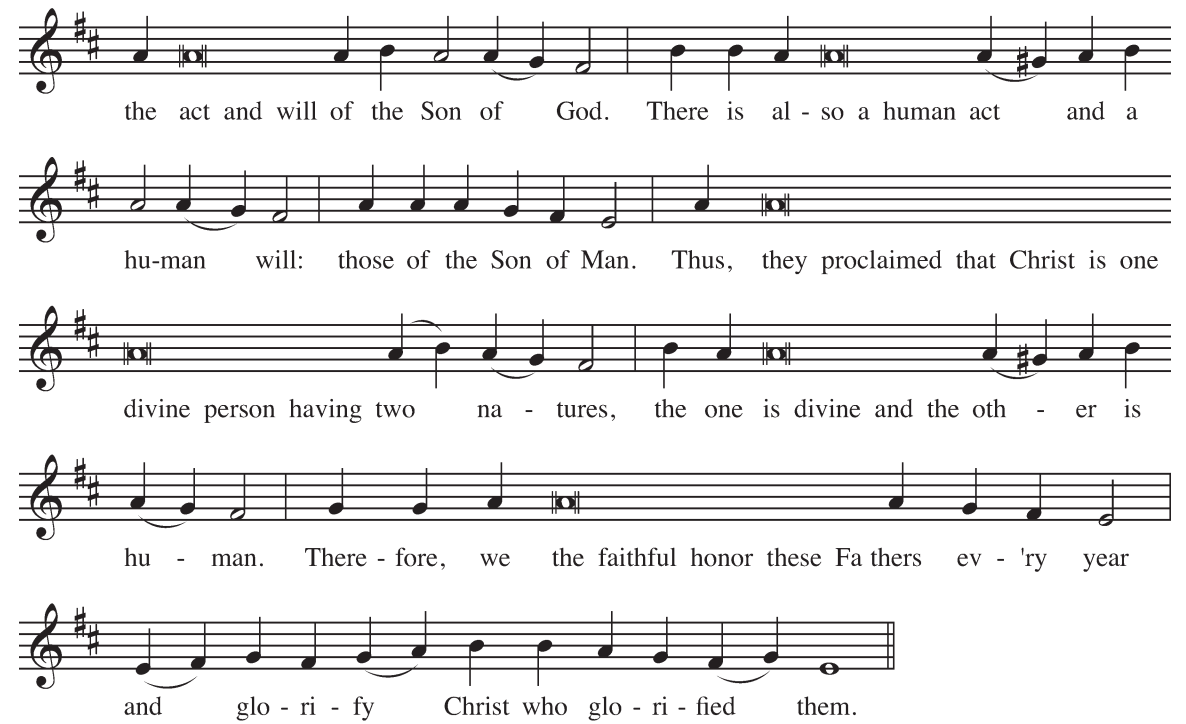


O most pure Vir - gin, hear the peti-tions of your ser - vants. Re-move  
the bur - dens which op - press us and de - liv - er us from our sor - rows,  
for you are the only firm and constant sup-port on whom we re - ly.  
O Theotokos, nev-er per-mit us who call upon you to be o ver-whelmed by our  
cares. Make speed to fulfill the supplications of all who, in faith, cry out to you:  
Re - joice, O Lady, help-er of all of us, the joy, the refuge, and the  
sal - va - tion of our souls.

**Troparion - Tone 8**

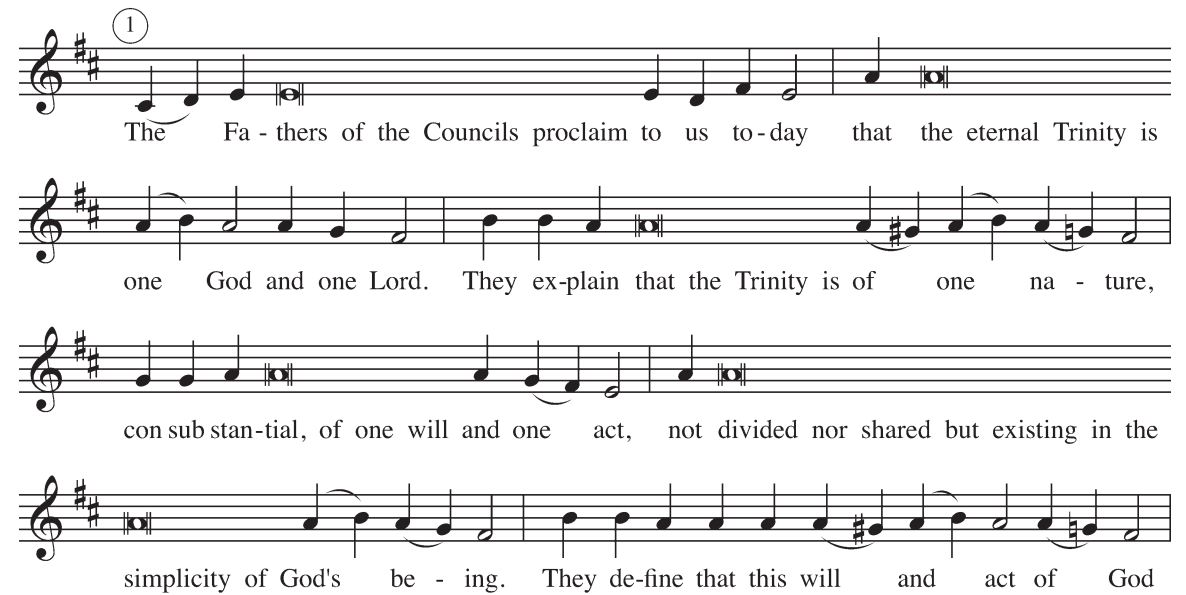


O Christ our God, you are a - bove all praise. You have es - tab-lished



the act and will of the Son of God. There is al - so a human act and a  
hu-man will: those of the Son of Man. Thus, they proclaimed that Christ is one  
divine person having two na - tures, the one is divine and the oth - er is  
hu - man. There - fore, we the faithful honor these Fa thers ev - 'ry year  
and glo - ri - fy Christ who glo - ri - fied them.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
*(on 1)* he is faithful forever.



The Fa - thers of the Councils proclaim to us to-day that the eternal Trinity is  
one God and one Lord. They ex-plain that the Trinity is of one na - ture,  
consub stan-tial, of one will and one act, not divided nor shared but existing in the  
simplicity of God's be - ing. They de-fine that this will and act of God

had no beginning and will never have an end. There - fore, we the faithful  
 glo - ri - fy these Fa - thers as the e - quals of the a - pos - tles,  
 for they taught all peo - ple the true doc - trine of God.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Glory...

**Doxastikon**

Let us hon - or today those mystical trumpets of the Spir - it, name - ly the God -  
 man - tled Fa - thers, who, speak - ing of di - vine things,  
 sang in the midst of the Church a hymn in u - ni - son, teach - ing that the  
 Trin - i - ty is one, not dif - fer - ing in sub - stance or God - head,  
 re - fut - ing Arius and defending the true faith. They al - ways in - ter - cede  
 with the Lord to grant great mer - cy to our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Now and ever...

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*Aposticha, Tone 6, page 88*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4**

O holy Fathers of the Coun - cils, you are the faithful keepers of the a pos - tles'  
 tra - di - tions. By pro - claim - ing that the three persons of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty  
 are one and con sub stan - tial, you re - fut - ed the blasphem y of A - ri - us.  
 By teach - ing that the Holy Spirit is a distinct per - son, one with the Fa - ther  
 and the Son, you put Ma - cedonius, Severus, and oth - er her - e - tics to shame  
 There - fore, we beseech you to in - ter - cede for us, pre - serv - ing us from heresy  
 and er - ror and keep - ing our lives blame - less in God's sight.

**Cantor:** Now and ever...