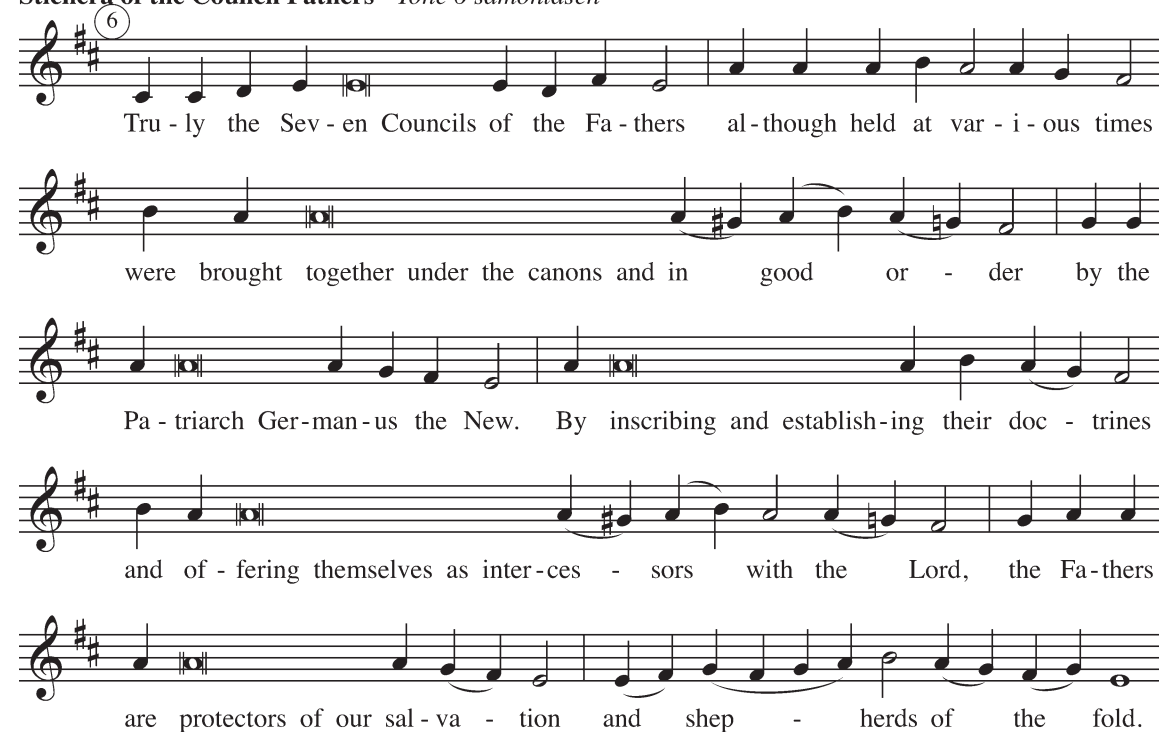


Vesper Propers, October 14, 2007
The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Supplement for *The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005*
Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 3, stichera 10-7, beginning on page 48.

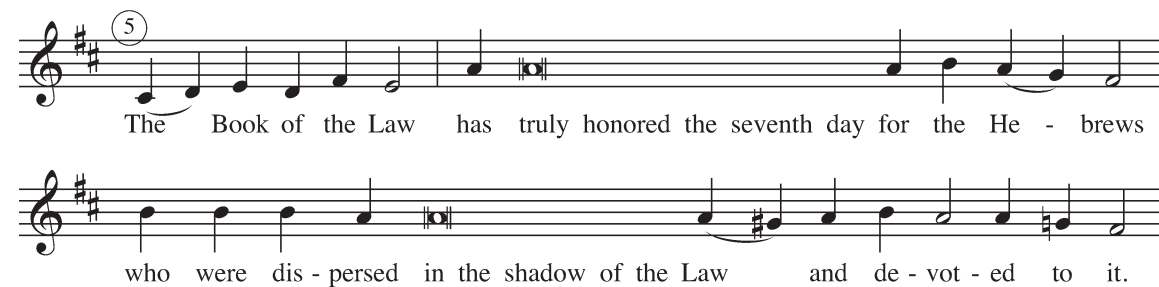
Cantor: (Tone 6) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

Stichera of the Council Fathers - Tone 6 samohlasen



Tru - ly the Sev - en Councils of the Fa - thers al - though held at var - i - ous times
were brought together under the canons and in good or - der by the
Pa - triarch Ger - man - us the New. By inscribing and establish - ing their doc - trines
and of - fering themselves as inter - ces - sors with the Lord, the Fa - thers
are protectors of our sal - va - tion and shep - herds of the fold.

Cantor: My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.



The Book of the Law has truly honored the seventh day for the He - brews
who were dis - persed in the shadow of the Law and de - vot - ed to it.

But you Fa - thers, by your participation in the Sev-en Coun - cils, by the inspiration

of God who in six days fin-ished this u - ni - verse and blessed the

sev-enth day, have made it even more hon - o - r - a - ble by de-cree - ing

the bounds of faith.

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

④ You have giv-en all, O thrice-bless-ed Fa - thers, to know the Father, the Son, and

the Spirit clear-ly by their works: the Trin-ity who is the cause of the cre-a - tion

of the world. By your mys-tic - al speech you called the first three Councils and

then the next four. Now you have appeared as the champions of the true faith,

thus prov-ing that the Trinity is truly the Cre-a - tor of the four el - e - ments

the consubstantial Trin - i - ty in one God - head.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 4, page 67

Troparion, Tone 3, page 57

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Troparion of the Council Fathers - Resurrection Tone 8

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

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: Now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, page 111

true wor-ship the anniversary of the God man-tled Fa-thers who came
 to-gether in the splendid city of Ni-ce - a from the whole in-hab-i-ted world.
 These Fathers, in the wisdom of their pi-ous minds, re - fut-ed the impious
 belief which the wretched Arius had in-vent - ed. They ban-ished him from the
 u - ni-ver-sal Church by a decree of the Coun-cil. They in-struc-ted all to
 confess o-pen-ly that the Son of God is consubstantial and co-eternal with the
 Fa - ther be fore all e-ter-ni-ty, de - cree-ing the same with precision and true
 worship in the Can-on of Faith. There fore, fol-lowing their di-vine doc - trines,
 in true faith let us worship the Father and the Son and the Ho - ly Spir - it,

and of the world.

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

It would have sufficed Eli-sha the Proph-et to bend but once to instill life
 into the son of the serv - ant, but he kneeled and bent sev - en times.
 Thus, in his foreknowledge he prophesied your gath-er-ing through which you revived
 the Incarnation of the Word of God, and humili-a-ted Ar - i - us
 and his col - leagues.

Cantor: Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!

In wis - dom, O vener-a - ble Fa - thers, you patched the gar - ment of Christ
 which had been torn by bark-ing dogs; for you could not stand to see

his na-ked-ness, like Shem and Japh-eth of old, who could not bear to see the
na-ked-ness of their fa - ther. Thus you confounded the fool-ish Ar - i - us
and all those who fol - lowed his doc - - - trines.

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

O Fa - thers, you are the true shep-herds who ex-pelled from the Sav-ior's fold
the Mac-edonians and the Nes-tor - i - ans, the fol - lowers of Ephtechnis
and Di - o - scor - us, Ap - polonarius, Sabelli-us and Sev - er - us
be - cause they became devouring wolves hid - den in the skins of lambs.
Since you ex - posed these wretch - ed ones, we tru - ly hon - or you.

Cantor: *(Tone 2)* Glory...

Doxastikon - Tone 2

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 struggling for the
true faith, They al-ways in - ter-cede with the Lord to have mer - cy
on our souls.

Cantor: *(Tone 2)* Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 2, page 53
Aposticha, Tone 2, page 54

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

Doxastikon - Tone 4 samohlasen

Come all you people of the true faith, let us celebrate today in faith and