

Vesper Propers, October 16
The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
The holy martyr Longinus the Centurion

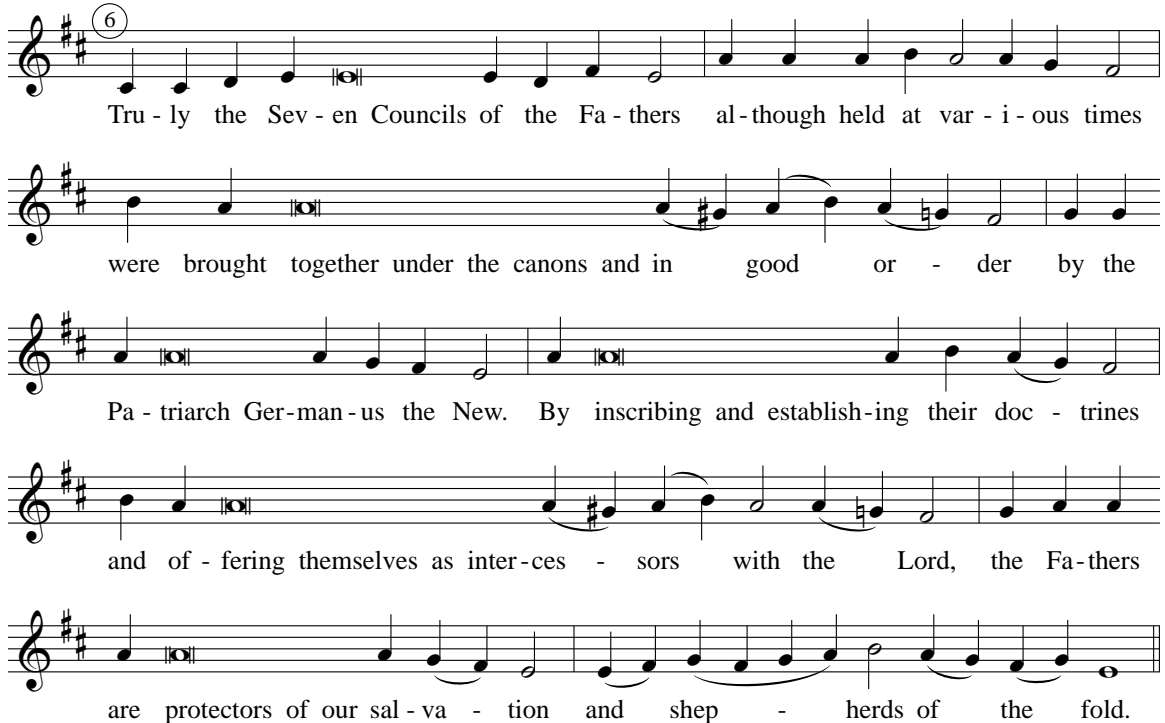
Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005**

Tone of the Week: Tone 5 (begins on page 69), stichera 10 - 7.

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 for the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

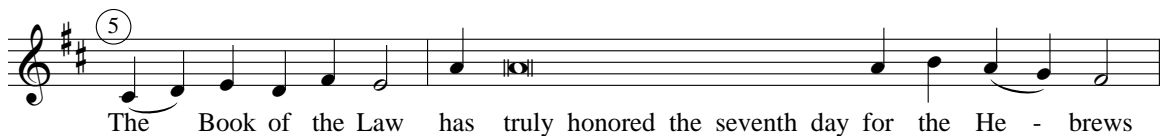
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Tru - ly the Sev - en Councils of the Fa - thers al - though held at var - i - ous times
were brought together under the canons and in good or - der by the
Pa - triarch Ger - man - us the New. By inscribing and establish - ing their doc - trines
and 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.

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The Book of the Law has truly honored the seventh day for the He - brews



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



and of the world.

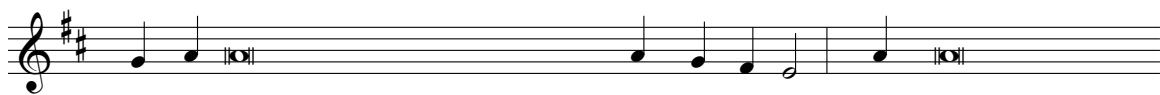
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.



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.

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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

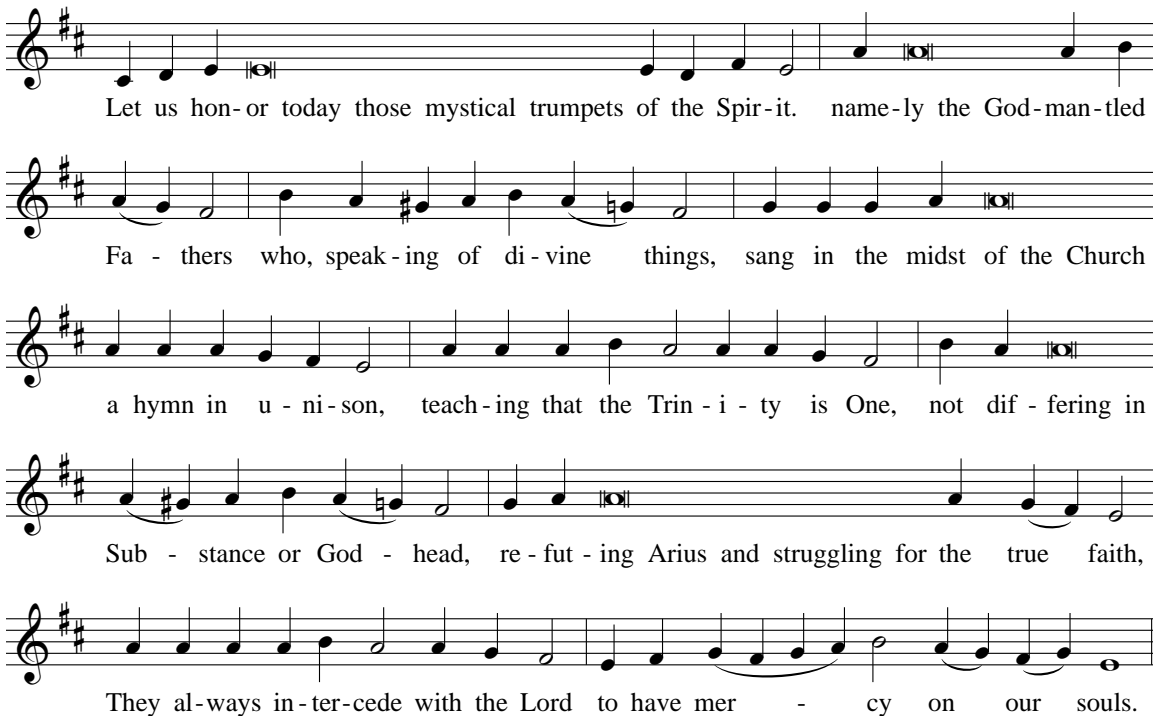
and Di - o - scor - us, Ap - polonarius, Sabelli-us and Sev - er - us

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: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Doxastikon - Tone 6



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 - fering 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: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 5, p. 76

The service continues with the Hymn of the Evening, p. 12

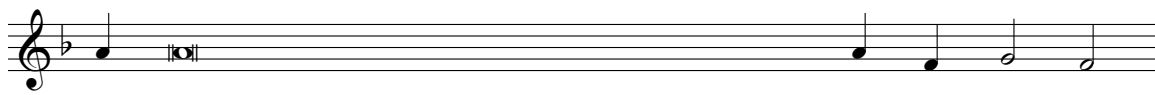
Readings: Genesis 14:14-20 (*OT Readings 301-302*)
Deuteronomy 1:8-11.15-17
Deuteronomy 10:14-21

Aposticha, Tone 5, p. 77

Cantor:

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4

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



the consubstan-tial Trin - i - ty in one God - head.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 67

Troparia

Resurrection Tone 5, p. 81

Glory, Tone 8

Troparion of the Council Fathers - 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!

Now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, p 111