

Vesper Propers, July 13, 2008
NINTH 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 8 (begins on page 102), 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 divine 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 - jice, O Lady, help - er of all of us, the joy, the refuge, and the
 sal - va - tion of our souls.

Troparia - Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 8, p. 111), then:

Troparion of the Council Fathers - 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,
 con - sub - 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



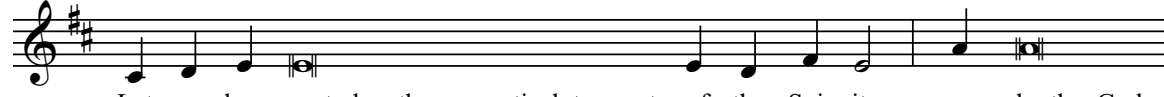
glo - ri fy these Fa - thers as the e - quals of the a - pos - tles,



for they taught all peo - ple the true doc - trine of God.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

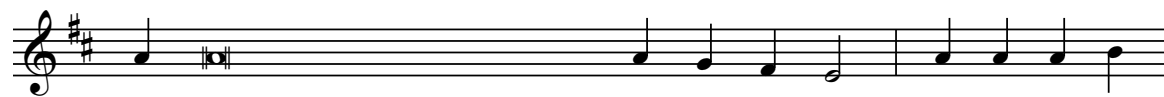
Doxastikon



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 8) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 8, page 107

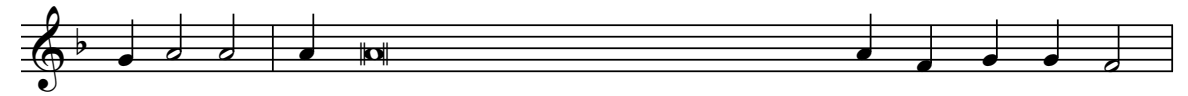
Aposticha, Tone 8, page 108, concluding with:

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 proclaiming 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 teaching that the Holy Spirit is a dis - tinct 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...