

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.

Vesper Propers, July 16, 2023  
 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
 Sunday of the Fathers at the Six Ecumenical Councils

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 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 divine act and a di - vine will, un - cre - at - ed and in - fin - ite:

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, p. 91), then:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 8) Glory...

**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!

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

**Theotokion - in the same tone**

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,

and er - ror and keep - ing our lives blame - less in God's sight.

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

**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.

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:** Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**

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 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...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 6, page 87).*

**Readings:** Genesis 14: 14-20 (EOT 301-302)  
 Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17  
 Deuteronomy 10: 14-21

**Aposticha**

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 6, page 88), 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