Sunday of the Fathers at the Six Ecumenical Councils

JULY 13-19

1. O Word of God and Lover of Man-kind,
   You took our flesh and came to earth;
   The Fathers taught that You are one person—
   Both endless God and human in birth.
   O Christ, true God and man in one!

2. O glorious Fathers of the Coun-cils,
   You fought with vig-or all the lies
   That sought to undermine the Gospel.
   You told the truth that never dies!
   We sing this truth, as ages long have done!

3. Inspired by God, the Fathers in coun-cil
   Taught that the Lord had two perfect wills,
   One is divine and one is human—
   By this, the Christ God’s plan fulfills!

4. O blessed Trin-i-ty of persons,
   One on-ly God, in na-ture di- vine,
   We praise you for the Fathers who teach us
   The truth that’s older than all time!
   Melody: Kol’ slaven naš / How great is God (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)

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