SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS
(Sunday between July 13-19)

Hymn

1. O Word of God and Lover of Man-kind,
2. O glorious Fathers of the Councils,
3. Inspired by God, the Fathers in council
4. Blessed Trinity of persons,

You took our flesh and came to earth; The
You fought with vigor all the lies That
Taught that the Lord had two perfect wills, One
One only God, in nature divine, We

Fathers taught that You are one person—
sought to undermine the Gospel.
is divine and one is human—
praise you for the Fathers who teach us

Both endless God and human in birth.
You told the truth that never dies!
By this, the Christ God’s plan fulfills!
The truth that’s older than all time!

O Christ, true God and man in one!

We sing this truth, as ages long have done!

Text: JMT, based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday of the Council Fathers
Melody: Kol’ slaven naš / How great is God (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)