

**Vesper Propers: July 16, 2006**  
**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils**

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

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

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

*Tone 6*

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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.

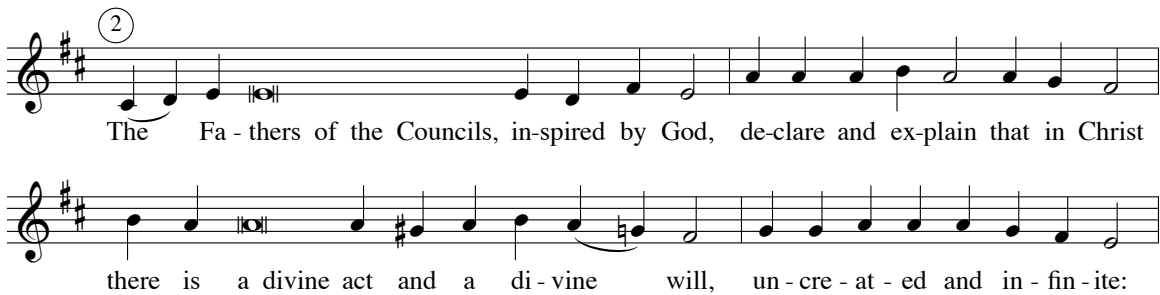
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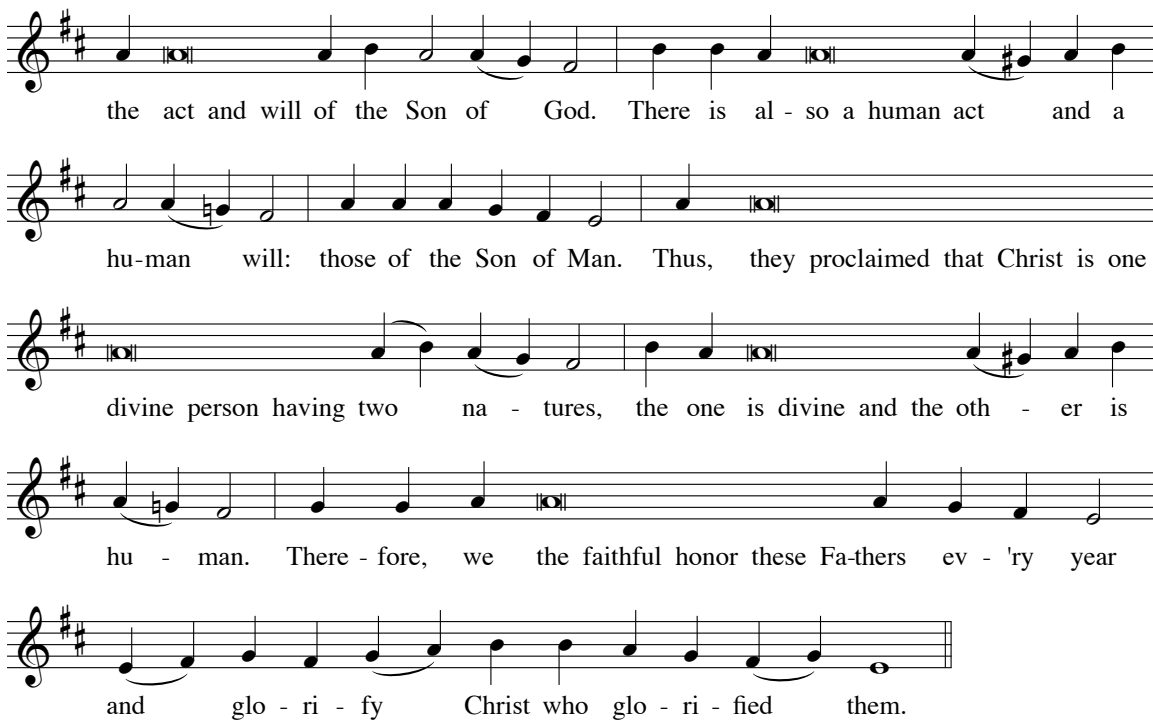
O glo-rious Fa-thers of the Coun-cils, you demonstrated that Pyrrhus, Sergius,  
 and O-nu-phri - us, Di - o - sco - rus, and Nestorius were in er - ror  
 con-cern - ing their doctrines a - bout Christ. You save the flock by teaching the  
 true prin-ci - ple that Christ is one divine person in two 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 you nations; **Psalm 116**  
 (on 2) acclaim him all you peoples.

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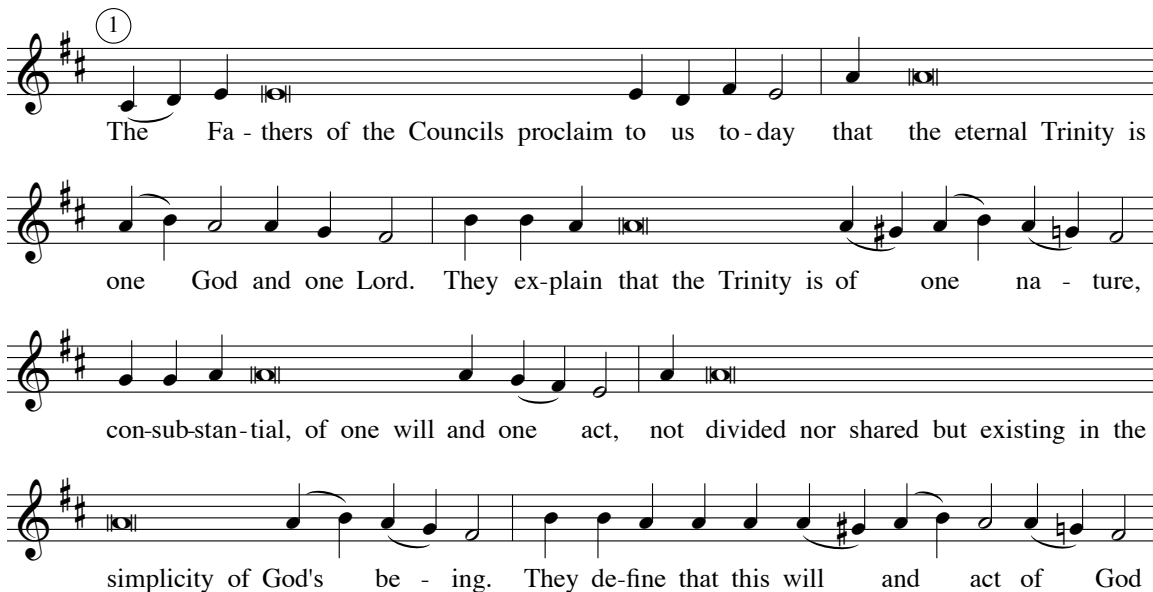


The Fa - thers of the Councils, in-spired by God, de-clare and ex-plain that in Christ  
 there is a divine act and a di-vine will, un - cre - at - ed and in - fin - ite:



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-ters 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 nev-er 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**

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:** Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 5, p. 76*  
*Hymn of the Evening, p. 12*

**Readings:** Genesis 14: 14 - 20  
Deuteronomy 1: 8 - 11, 15 - 17  
Deuteronomy 10: 14 - 21

*The service continues with the Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13*

*If there is Litija, the Hymns of the Litija are sung after the Litany of Supplication. The Litany of the Litija is found on page 116.*

*Aposticha, Tone 5, p. 77*

**Cantor:** 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 pro-claiming 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...

*Theotokion, Tone 4, p. 73*

*The service continues with the Prayer of St. Simeon, p.19.*

*Troparion in Tone 5, p. 81*

**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:** Glory...now and ever...

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, p 111*

*If there is Litija, the Troparion "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos" (p. 119) is sung instead of the Festal Theotokion, and the service continues with the Blessing of Bread (p. 119).*