

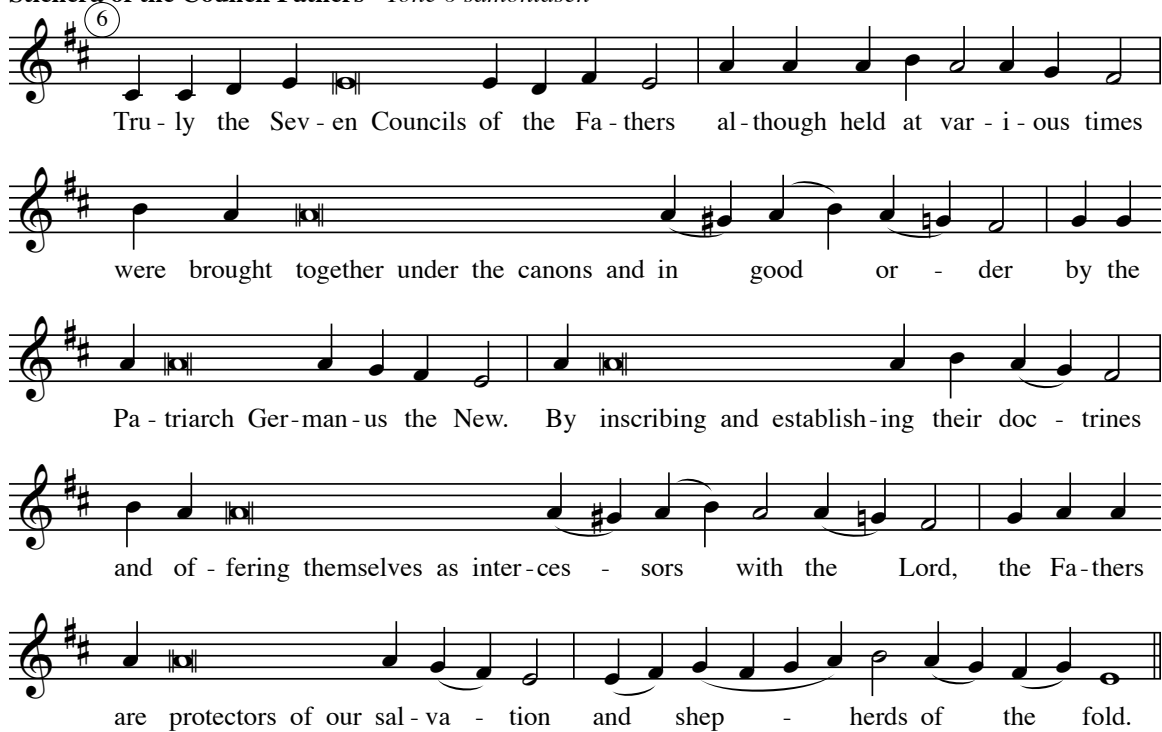
**Vesper Propers, October 17**  
**The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2005*  
*Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 2, stichera 10-7, beginning on page 36.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?  
(on 6) But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

**Stichera of the Council Fathers - Tone 6 samohlasen**

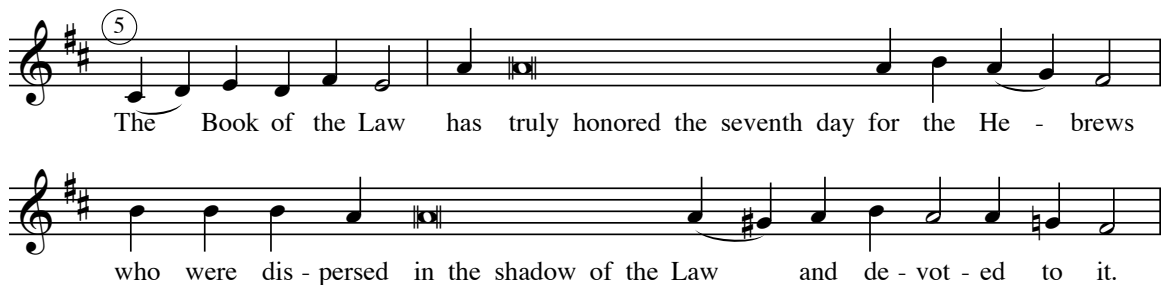
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Tru - ly the Sev - en Councils of the Fa - thers al - though held at var - i - ous times  
were brought together under the canons and in good or - der by the  
Pa - triarch Ger - man - us the New. By inscribing and establish - ing their doc - trines  
and of - fering themselves as inter - ces - sors with the Lord, the Fa - thers  
are protectors of our sal - va - tion and shep - herds of the fold.

**Cantor:** My soul is longing for the Lord. I count on his word.  
(on 5) My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.

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The Book of the Law has truly honored the seventh day for the He - brews  
who were dis - persed in the shadow of the Law and de - vot - ed to it.

But you Fa-thers, by your participation in the Sev-en Coun - cils, by the inspiration  
of God who in six days fin-ished this u - ni - verse and blessed the  
sev-enth day, have made it even more hon - or - a - ble by de-cree - ing  
the bounds of faith.

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

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You have giv - en all, O thrice-bless - ed Fa - thers, to know the Father, the Son, and  
the Spirit clear-ly by their works: the Trin-ity who is the cause of the cre-a - tion  
of the world. By your mys-tic - al speech you called the first three Councils and  
then the next four. Now you have appeared as the champions of the true faith,  
thus prov-ing that the Trinity is truly the Cre-a - tor of the four el - e - ments



and of the world.

**Cantor:** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,  
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.



It would have sufficed Eli-sha the Proph-et to bend but once to instill life



into the son of the serv-ant, but he kneeled and bent sev-en times.



Thus, in his foreknowledge he prophesied your gath-er-ing through which you revived



the Incarnation of the Word of God, and humili-a-ted Ar-i-us



and his col-leagues.

**Cantor:** Praise the Lord, all you nations, **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you peoples!



In wis-dom, O vener-a-ble Fa-thers, you patched the gar-ment of Christ



which had been torn by bark-ing dogs; for you could not stand to see

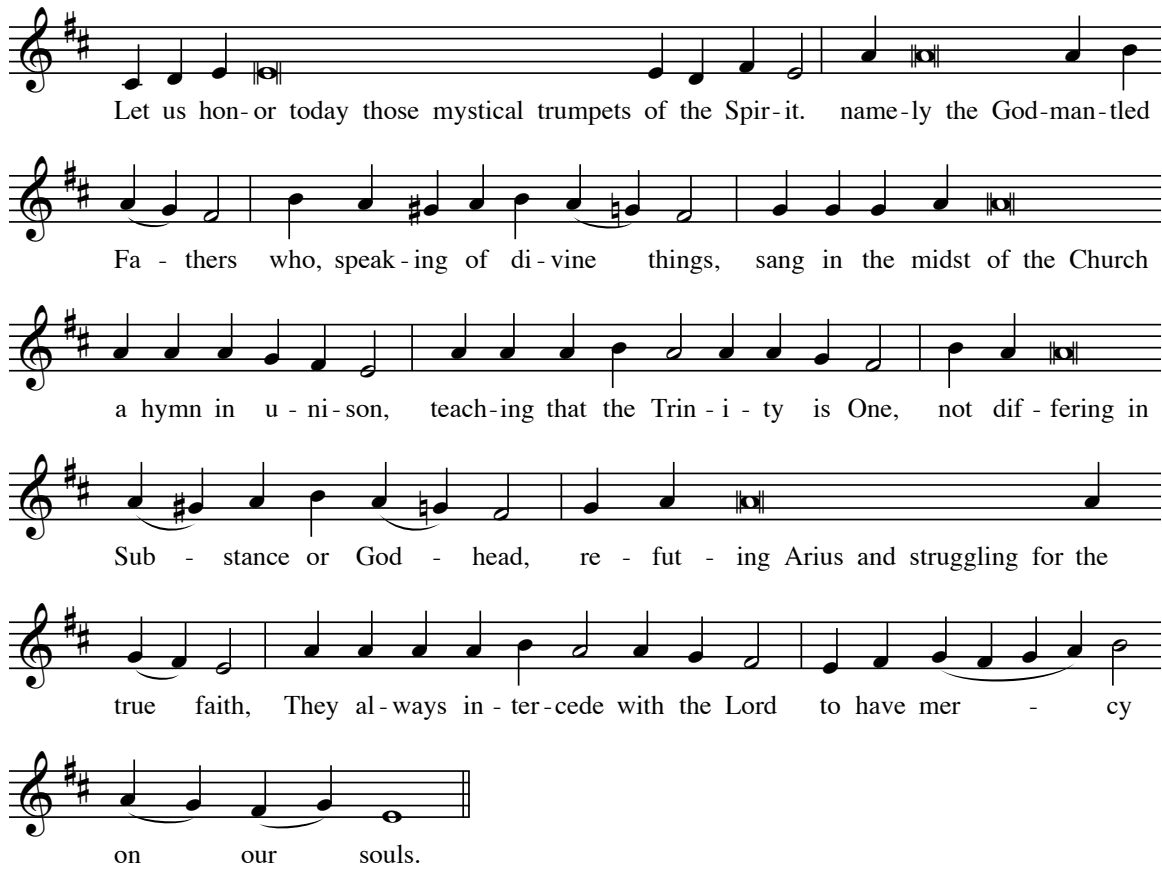
his na-ked-ness, like Shem and Japh-eth of old, who could not bear to see the  
na-ked-ness of their fa - ther. Thus you confounded the fool-ish Ar - i - us  
and all those who fol - lowed his doc - - - trines.

**Cantor:** Strong is the love of the Lord for us;  
*(on 1)* he is faithful forever.

① O Fa - thers, you are the true shep - herds who ex - pelled from the Sav - ior's fold  
the Mac - edonians and the Nes - tor - i - ans, the fol - lowers of Ephtechnis  
and Di - o - scor - us, Ap - polonarius, Sabelli - us and Sev - er - us  
be - cause they became devouring wolves hid - den in the skins of lambs.  
Since you ex - posed these wretch - ed ones, we tru - ly hon - or you.

**Cantor:** *(Tone 2)* Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 2**



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 struggling for the  
true faith, They al-ways in - ter-cede with the Lord to have mer - cy  
on our souls.

**Cantor:** (Tone 2) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon, Tone 2, page 42*

*Aposticha, Tone 2, page 43*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 4 samohlasen**



Come all you people of the true faith, let us celebrate today in faith and

true wor-ship the anniversary of the God-man - tled Fa - thers who came  
 to - gether in the splendid city of Ni-ce - a from the whole in-hab - i - ted world.  
 These Fathers, in the wisdom of their pi - ous minds, re - fut - ed the impious  
 belief which the wretched Arius had in-vent - ed. They ban - ished him from the  
 u - ni - ver - sal Church by a decree of the Coun-cil. They in - struc - ted all to  
 confess o - pen - ly that the Son of God is consubstantial and co - eternal with the  
 Fa - ther be - fore all e - ter - ni - ty, de - cree - ing the same with precision and true  
 worship in the Can - on of Faith. There - fore, fol - lowing their di - vine doc - trines,  
 in true faith let us worship the Father and the Son and the Ho - ly Spir - it,



the consubstan-tial Trin - i - ty in one God - head.

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

*Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 4, page 67*

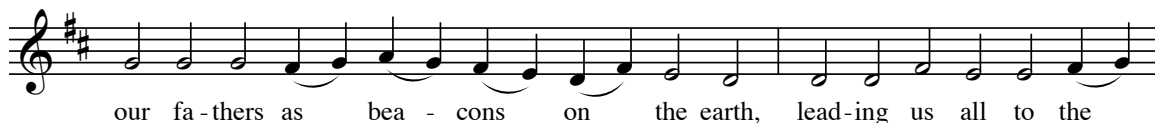
*Troparion, Tone 2, page 47*

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

**Troparion of the Council Fathers - Resurrection 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...

*Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, page 111*