

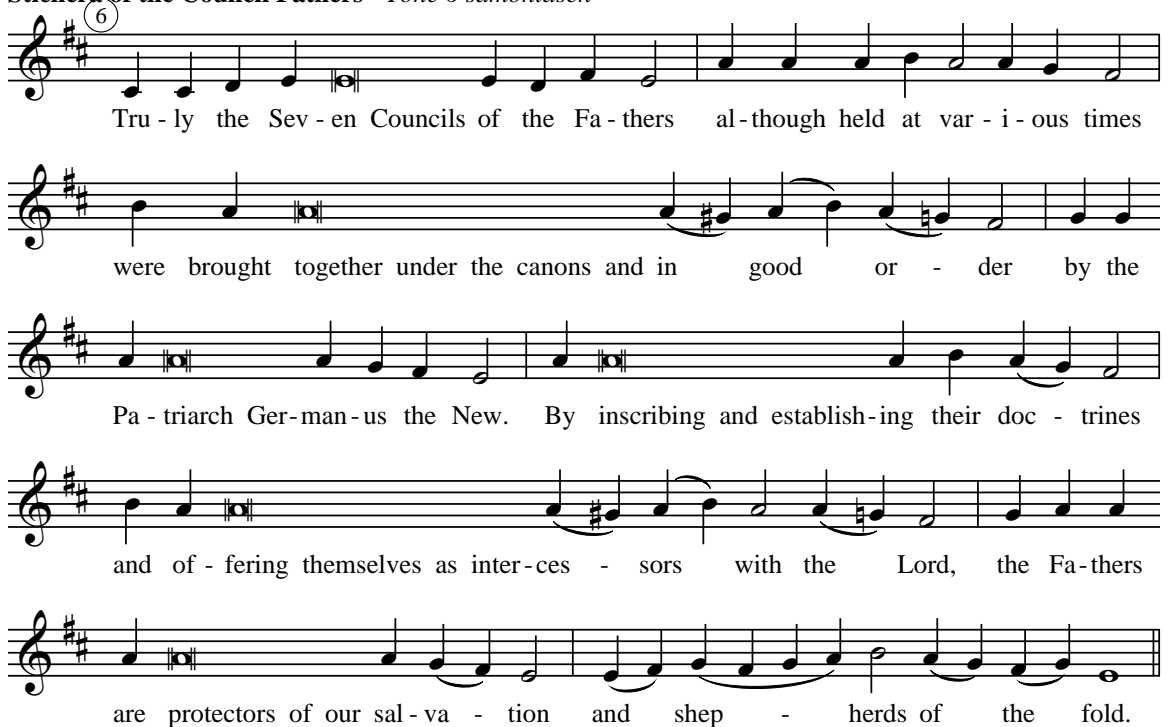
Vesper Propers, October 12, 2008
The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays After Pentecost, 2006
Lamplighting Psalms: Tone 5, stichera 10-7, beginning on page 69.

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

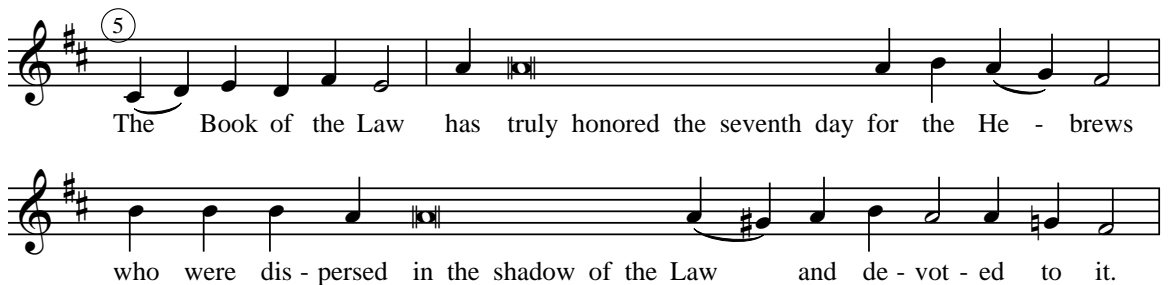
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Tru - ly the Sev - en Councils of the Fa - thers al - though held at var - i - ous times
were brought together under the canons and in good or - der by the
Pa - triarch Ger - man - us the New. By inscribing and establish - ing their doc - trines
and 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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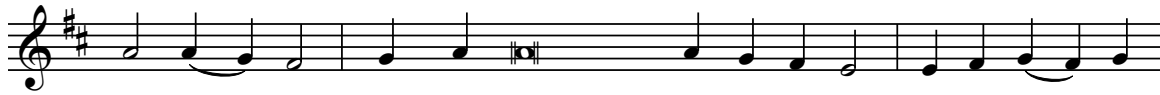
The Book of the Law has truly honored the seventh day for the He - brews
who were dis - persed in the shadow of the Law and de - vot - ed to it.



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.



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.

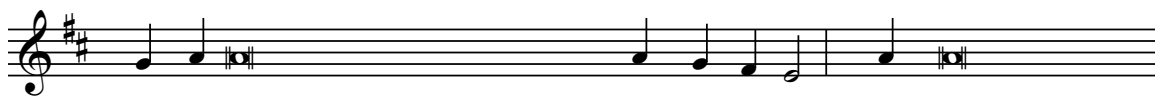
Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.



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.



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



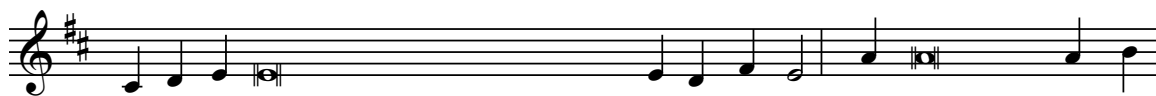
be - cause they became devouring wolves hid - den in the skins of lambs.



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 5) Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 5, page 76

Aposticha, Tone 5, page 77, concluding with

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
con-fess 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,



Cantor: Now and ever...

Aposticha Theotokion, Tone 4, page 67

Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5), page 80

Cantor: (Tone 8) Glory...

Troparion of the Council Fathers - Resurrection Tone 8



Cantor: Now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, page 111