

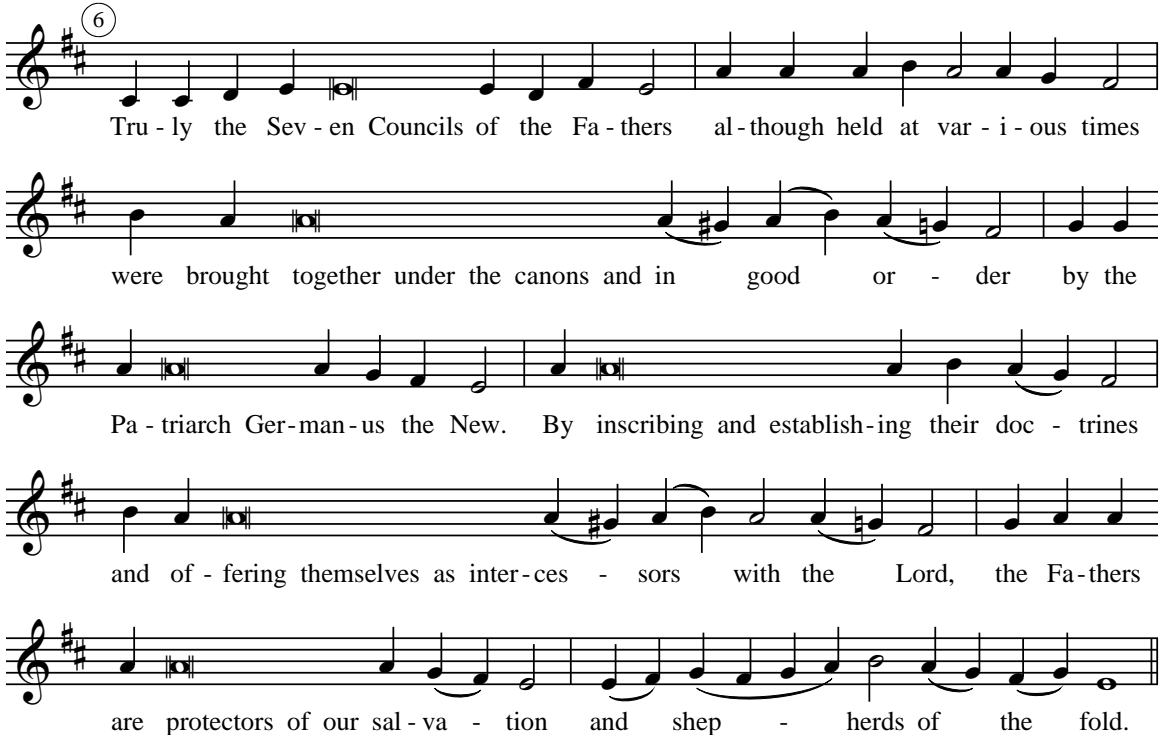
**Vesper Propers, October 16, 2011**  
**The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*  
*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 24), stichera 10-7.*

**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**

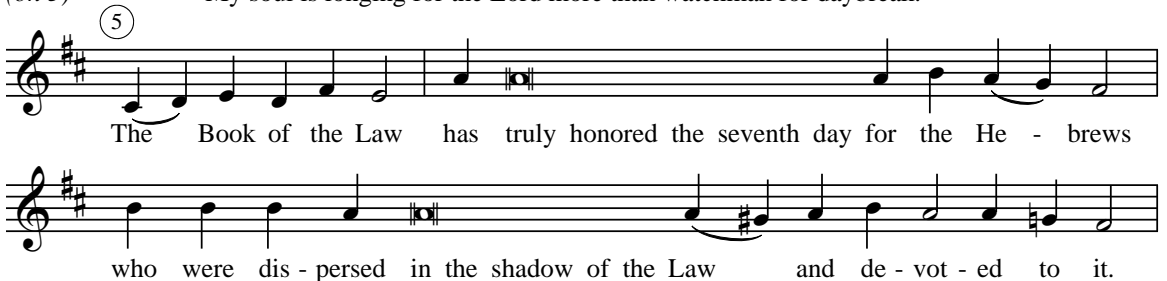
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Tru - ly the Sev - en Councils of the Fa - thers al - though held at var - i - ous times  
were brought together under the canons and in good or - der by the  
Pa - triarch Ger - man - us the New. By inscribing and establish - ing their doc - trines  
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 - o - r - 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

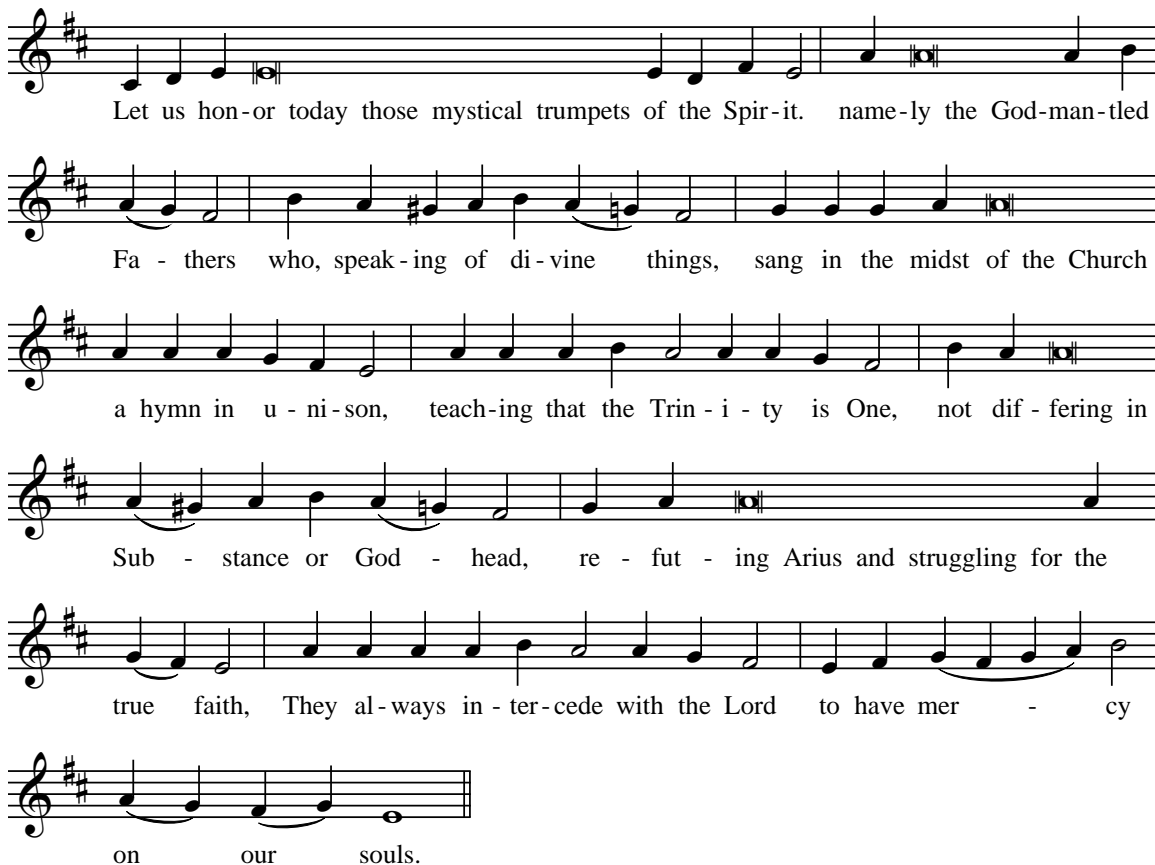
his na-ked-ness, like Shem and Japh-eth of old, who could not bear to see the  
na-ked-ness of their fa - ther. Thus you confounded the fool-ish Ar - i - us  
and all those who fol - lowed his doc - - - trines.

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

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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:** Glory...

**Doxastikon of the Council Fathers - 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 - fer - ing 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 1*) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 30)*

**Readings:** Genesis 14: 14-20 (EOT 301-302)  
Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17  
Deuteronomy 10: 14-21

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), concluding with*

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

### **Aposticha doxastikon of the Council Fathers - 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 in the same tone (Tone 4, p. 67).*

### Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection, in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 34).*

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

#### 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:** Now and ever...

*Festal theotokion in the same tone (Tone 8, p. 111).*