Vesper Propers, July 17, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Fathers at the Six Ecumenical Councils

Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006

Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 69), stichera 10-4.

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

Stichera of the Council Fathers - Tone 6 samohlasen

O Word of God and Lover of us all, infinite and beyond description in your
taking flesh for our sake, the noble assembly of Fathers
proclaimed that you are both perfect man and perfect God, one person in two
perfect natures with two perfect wills. Therefore, we profess that
you are one God, with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

We sing a hymn of praise to the Fathers, and we adore you.

Cantor: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
(on 3) Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
O glorious Fathers of the Councils, you demonstrated that Pyrrhus, Sergius, and O-umphri-us, Dioscorus, and Nestorius were in error concerning their doctrines about Christ. You save the flock by teaching the true principle that Christ is one divine person in two natures.

This Christ we adore as perfect man and perfect God, one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. O holy Fathers, we honor you and sing to you a hymn of praise.

Cantor: Praise the Lord all the nations; Psalm 116
(on 2) acclaim him all you people.

The Fathers of the Councils, inspired by God, declare and explain that in Christ there is a divine act and a divine will, uncreated and infinite:
the act and will of the Son of God. There is also a human act and a human will: those of the Son of Man. Thus, they proclaimed that Christ is one divine person having two natures, the one is divine and the other is human. Therefore, we the faithful honor these Fathers every year and glorify Christ who glorified them.

Cantor: Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faithful forever.

The Fathers of the Councils proclaim to us today that the eternal Trinity is one God and one Lord. They explain that the Trinity is of one nature, consubstantial, of one will and one act, not divided nor shared but existing in the simplicity of God's being. They define that this will and act of God
had no beginning and will never have an end. Therefore, we the faithful
glorify these Fathers as the equals of the apostles,
for they taught all people the true doctrine of God.

Cantor: (Tone 6) Glory...

Doxastikon

Let us honor today those mystical trumpets of the Spirit, namely the God-
man-tled Fathers, who, speaking of divine things,
sang in the midst of the Church a hymn in unison, teaching that the
Trinity is one, not differing in substance or Godhead,
refuting Arius and defending the true faith. They always intercede

with the Lord to grant great mercy to our souls.
O holy Fathers of the Councils, you are the faithful keepers of the apostles’ traditions. By proclaiming that the three persons of the Holy Trinity are one and consubstantial, you refuted the blasphemy of Arius. By teaching that the Holy Spirit is a distinct person, one with the Father and the Son, you put Macedonius, Severus, and other heretics to shame. Therefore, we beseech you to intercede for us, preserving us from heresy.

Cantor: (Tone 5) Now and ever…

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, page 76).*

**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 5, page 77), concluding with:*

Cantor: (Tone 4) Glory…

**Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4**

Now and ever…

Glory…

Readings: [Genesis 14: 14-20](#), [Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17](#), [Deuteronomy 10: 14-21](#)

(EOT 301-302)

(Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4)
and error and keeping our lives blameless in God's sight.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Theotokion - in the same tone

O most pure Virgin, hear the petitions of your servants. Remove the burdens which oppress us and deliver us from our sorrows, for you are the only firm and constant support on whom we rely.

O Theotokos, never permit us who call upon you to be overwhelmed by our cares. Make speed to fulfill the supplications of all who, in faith, cry out to you:

Rejoice, O Lady, helper of all of us, the joy, the refuge, and the salvation of our souls.

The service continues on p. 19.
Troparia

Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 5, p. 81), then:

Cantor:  (Tone 8) Glory…

Troparion of the Council Fathers - Tone 8

O Christ our God, you are above all praise. You have established our fathers as beacons on the earth, leading us all to the true faith through them. O most merciful Lord, glory to you!

Cantor:  Now and ever…

Theotokion - in the same tone

O gracious Lord, for the sake of mankind you were born of a virgin; through your death on the cross you conquered Death; and through your resurrection you revealed yourself as God. O Merciful Lord, do not disdain those whom you have created with your own hands,
but show forth your love for mankind. Accept the intercession which the Mother who bore you makes in our behalf: O Savior, save your despairing people.

The service continues on p. 21.