Sunday of the Fathers at the Six Ecumenical Councils

1. O Word of God and Lover of Man-kind, 
2. O glorious Fathers of the Councils, 
3. Inspired by God, the Fathers in council 
4. O blessed Trinity of persons,

You took our flesh and came to earth; 
You fought with vigor and all the lies 
Taught that the Lord had two perfect wills, 
One only God, in nature divine,

The Fathers taught that You are one person— 
That sought to undermine the Gospel. 
One is divine and one is human— 
We praise you for the Fathers who teach us

Both endless God and human in birth. 
You told the truth that never dies! 
By this, the Christ God’s plan fulfills! 
The truth that’s older than all time!

O Christ, true God and man in one! 
We sing this truth, as ages long have done!

Text: J. Michael Thompson, based on the Vespers stichera for the Sunday of the Council Fathers
Melody: Kol’ slaven naš / So great is God (Dmitri Bortniansky, 1751-1825)