

Vesper Propers: July 17, 2005
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils
Our venerable father and confessor, Paul Gojdich, bishop of Preshov

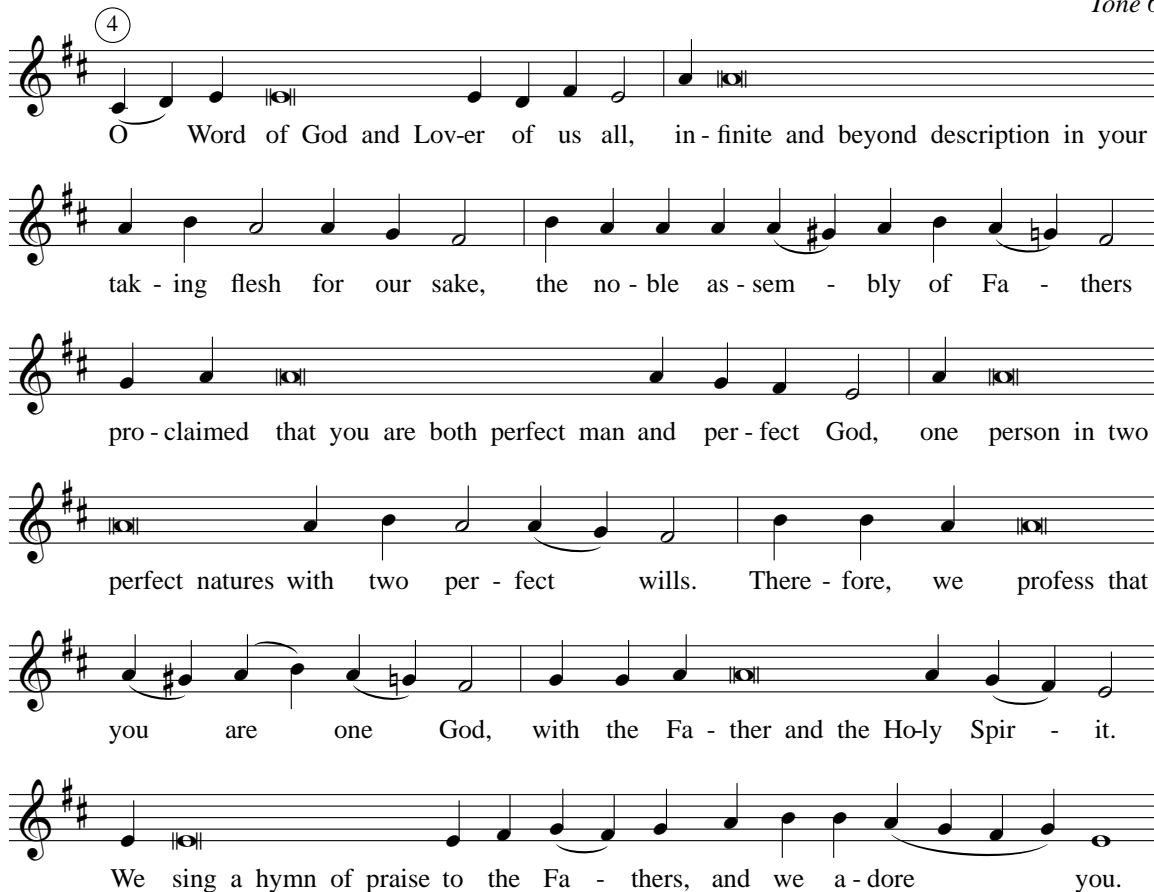
*Supplement for **The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2004***

Tone of the Week: Tone 8 (begins on page 102), stichera 10 - 5.

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

Tone 6

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O Word of God and Lov-er of us all, in - finite and beyond description in your
tak - ing flesh for our sake, the no - ble as - sem - bly of Fa - thers
pro - claimed that you are both perfect man and per - fect God, one person in two
perfect natures with two per - fect wills. There - fore, we profess that
you are one God, with the Fa - ther and the Ho - ly Spir - it.
We sing a hymn of praise to the Fa - thers, and we a - dore you.

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

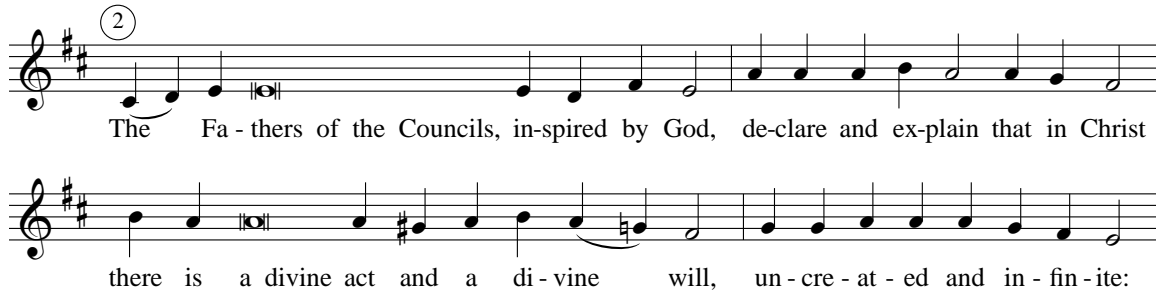
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O glo-rious Fa - thers of the Coun-cils, you demonstrated that Pyrrhus, Sergius,
and O - nu - phri - us, Di - o - sco - rus, and Nestorius were in er - ror
con-cern - ing their doctrines a - bout Christ. You save the flock by teaching the
true prin - ci - ple that Christ is one divine person in two na - tures.
This Christ we adore as perfect man and per-fect God, one with the Father and the
Ho - ly Spir - it. O holy Fathers, we hon - or you and sing to you a
hymn of praise.

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

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The Fa - thers of the Councils, in-spired by God, de-clare and ex-plain that in Christ
there is a divine act and a di - vine will, un - cre - at - ed and in - fin - ite:

the act and will of the Son of God. There is al - so a human act and a
 hu-man will: those of the Son of Man. Thus, they proclaimed that Christ is one
 divine person having two na - tures, the one is divine and the oth - er is
 hu - man. There - fore, we the faithful honor these Fa - thers ev - 'ry year
 and glo - ri - fy Christ who glo - ri - fied them.

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

The Fa - thers of the Councils proclaim to us to-day that the eternal Trinity is
 one God and one Lord. They ex-plain that the Trinity is of one na - ture,
 con-sub-stan-tial, of one will and one act, not divided nor shared but existing in the
 simplicity of God's be - ing. They de-define that this will and act of God



had no beginning and will nev-er have an end. There - fore, we the faithful



glo - ri fy these Fa - thers as the e - quals of the a - pos - tles,

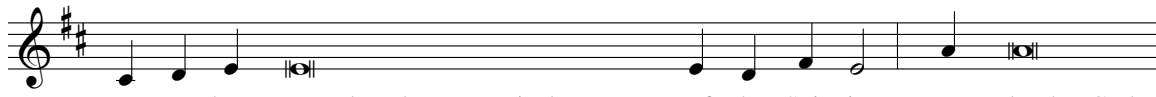


for they taught all peo - ple the true doc - trine of God.

Cantor: Glory...

Doxastikon

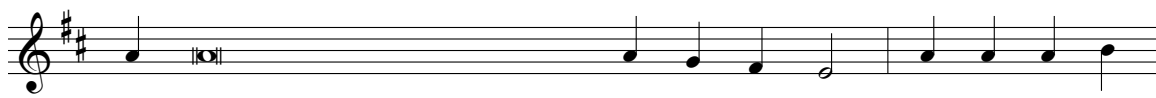
Tone 6



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 - fering in sub - stance or God - head,



re - fut - ing Arius and defending the true faith. They al - ways in - ter - cede



with the Lord to grant great mer - cy to our souls.

Cantor: Now and ever...

Dogmatikon, Tone 8, p .107
Hymn of the Evening, p. 12

Readings: Genesis 14: 14 - 20
Deuteronomy 1: 8 - 11, 15 - 17
Deuteronomy 10: 14 - 21

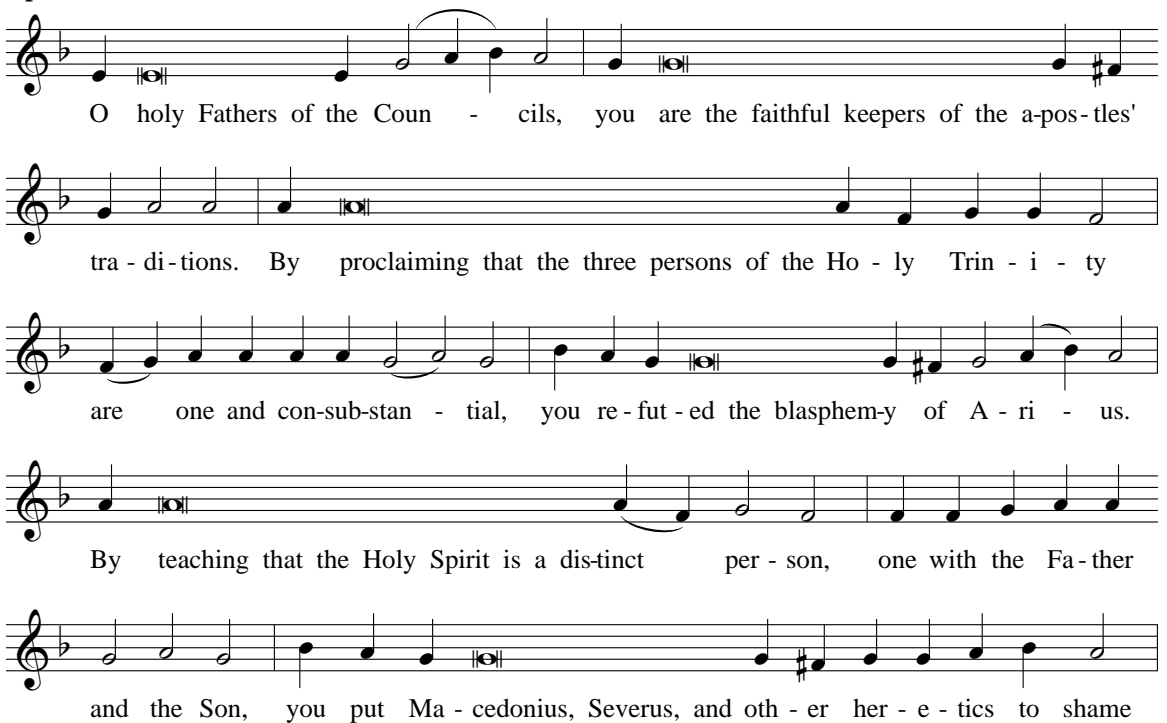
The service continues with the Litany of Fervent Supplication, p. 13

If there is Litija, the Hymns of the Litija are sung after the Litany of Supplication. The Litany of the Litija is found on page 116.

Aposticha, Tone 8, p 108

Cantor: Glory...

Aposticha Doxastikon - Tone 4



O holy Fathers of the Coun - cils, you are the faithful keepers of the a-pos-tles'
tra - di-tions. By proclaiming that the three persons of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty
are one and con-sub-stan - tial, you re - fut - ed the blasphem-y of A - ri - us.
By teaching that the Holy Spirit is a dis-tinct per - son, one with the Fa-ther
and the Son, you put Ma - cedonius, Severus, and oth - er her - e - tics to shame



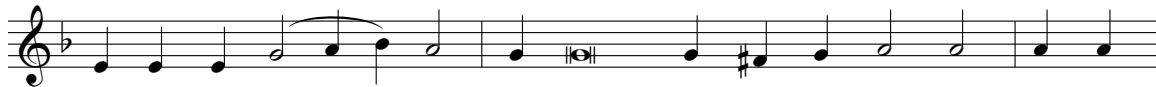
There-fore, we beseech you to in - ter - cede for us, pre - serv - ing us from heresy



and er - ror and keep - ing our lives blame - less in God's sight.

Cantor: Now and ever...

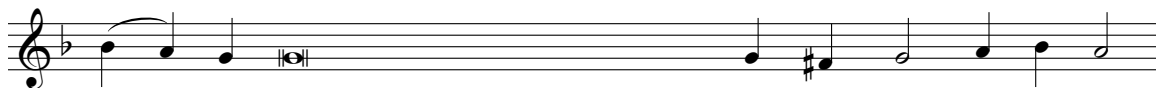
Theotokion, Tone 4



O most pure Vir - gin, hear the peti - tions of your ser - vants. Re - move



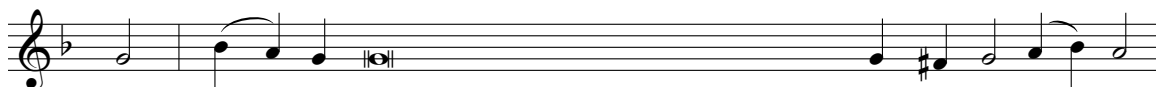
the bur - dens which op - press us and de - liv - er us from our sor - rows,



for you are the only firm and constant sup - port on whom we re - ly.



O Theotokos, nev - er per - mit us who call upon you to be o - ver - whelmed by our



cares. Make speed to fulfill the supplications of all who, in faith, cry out to you:



Re - joice O Lady, help - er of all of us, the joy, the refuge, and the



sal - va - tion of our souls.

The service continues with the Prayer of St. Simeon, p.19.

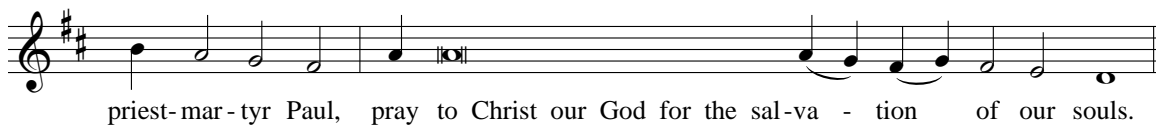
Troparion in Tone 8, p. 111

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!

Troparion of Blessed Paul Gojdich

From your youth you loved Christ, the e-ter-nal Word. You de-sired to
serve him quietly and in sim-ple-ci-ty of heart, but the right hand of the
Most High chose you for the bish-op's throne, and made you a steadfast shep-herd
of his peo-ple. For the sake of faith and the u-nit-y of the Church,
you of-fered yourself to God as a per-fect sac-ri-fice. O Fa-ther and



priest-mar-tyr Paul, pray to Christ our God for the sal-va - tion of our souls.

Cantor: Glory...now and ever...

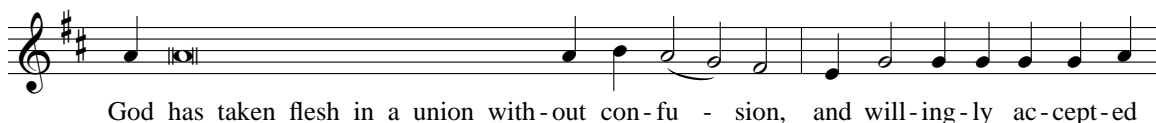
Festal Theotokion - Tone 4



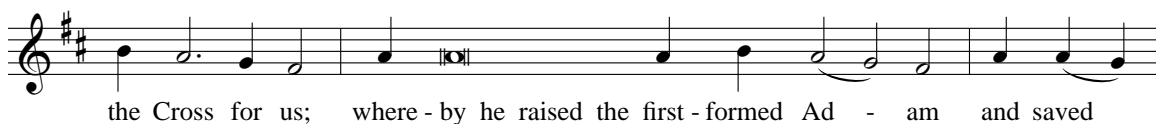
The mys-ter - y hid-den from all a - ges and un-known to the an - gels



has been made known to those on earth through you, O The - o - to - kos.



God has taken flesh in a union with-out con-fu - sion, and will-ing-ly ac-cept-ed



the Cross for us; where - by he raised the first - formed Ad - am and saved



our souls from death.

If there is Litija, the Troparion "Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos" (p. 119) is sung instead of the Festal Theotokion, and the service continues with the Blessing of Bread (p. 119).