

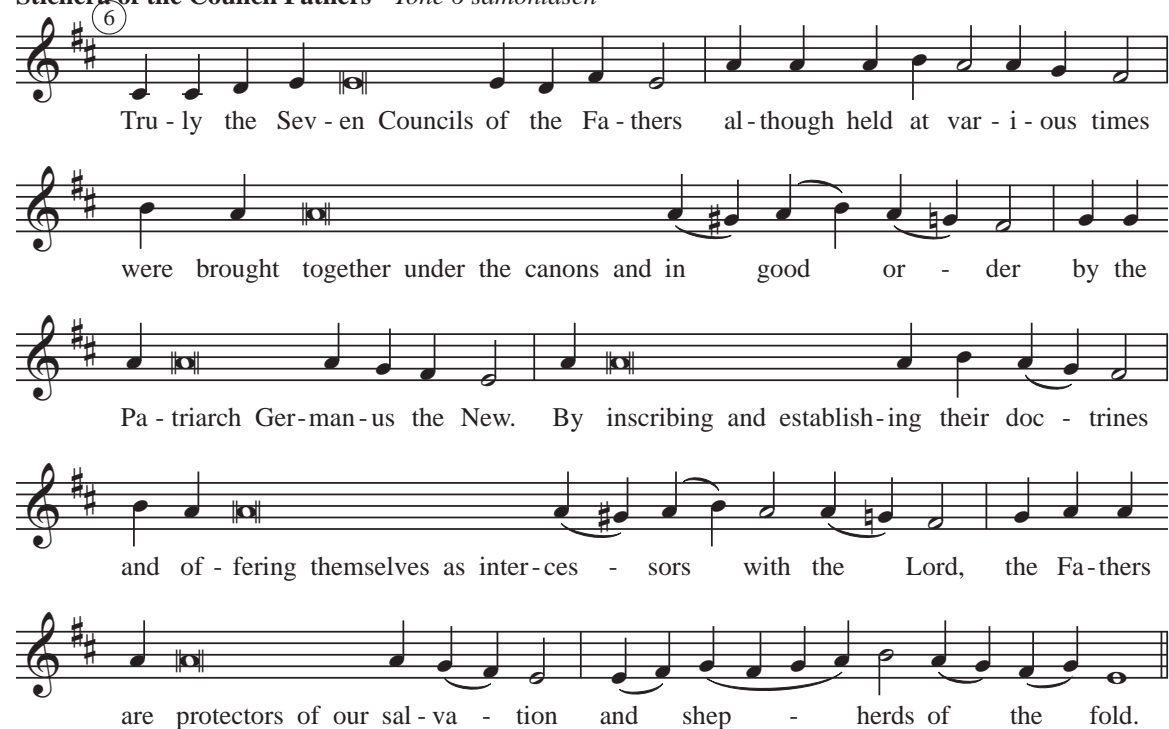
Vesper Propers, October 12, 2014
The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

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

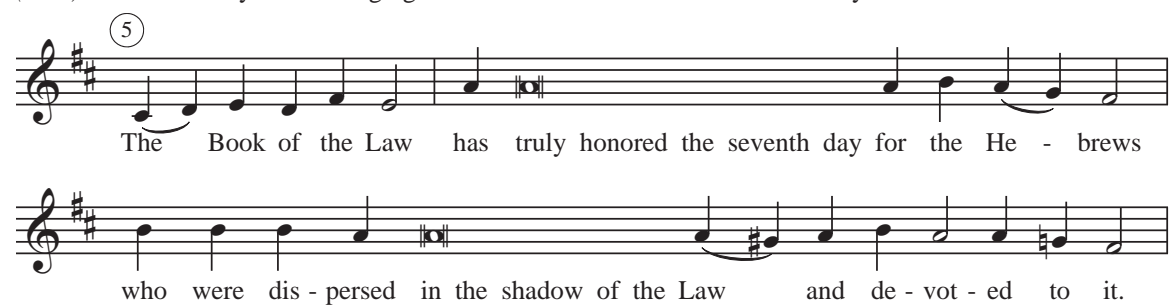
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Tru - ly the Sev - en Councils of the Fa - thers al - though held at var - i - ous times
were brought together under the canons and in good or - der by the
Pa - triarch Ger - man - us the New. By inscrib - ing and establish - ing their doc - trines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

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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

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 - Resurrection 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)

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,

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: *(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 1)* Now and ever...

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

Aposticha

Sunday aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 1, p. 31), 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