

**Divine Liturgy Propers**  
**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS**  
**OF THE FIRST NICENE COUNCIL**

**First Antiphon of the Ascension (Psalm 46:2):**

All you peo - ples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of glad - ness.  
Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.  
Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ev - er  
and for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,  
O Sav - ior, save us.

**Second Antiphon of the Ascension (Psalm 47:2):**

The Lord is great and wor - thy of all praise in the ci - ty of our God, his ho - ly  
moun - tain. O Son of God, who ascended in glo - ry,  
save us who sing to you: Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*The Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation ("O only-begotten Son..").*

**Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):**



Come, let us sing joyful-ly to the Lord; let us ac-claim God our Sav - ior.



O Son of God, who ascended in glo - ry, save us who sing to you:



Al - le - lu - - - ia!

**Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):**



Come, let us wor - ship and bow be - fore Christ. O Son of God,

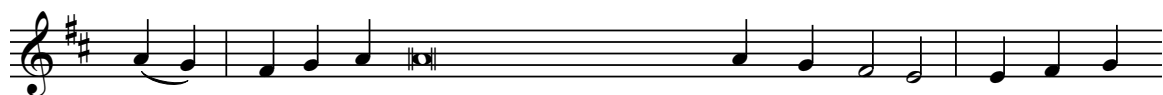


who ascended in glo-ry, save us who sing to you: Al-le-lu - ia!

**Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 6:**



An - gel-ic pow-ers ap-peared at your tomb, and the guards be-came like dead



men. Mar-y stood at the tomb seeking your most pure bod-y. You de-spoiled



Ha-des with-out a chal-lenge. You, the Giv - er of Life met the



the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - - - le - lu - ia!

*The Prokeimenon of the Ascension "Be exalted above the heavens . . ." is sung once in place of: "We have seen the true light; . . ." and "May our mouth be filled . . .":*

**Prokeimenon of the Ascension - Tone 7 (Psalm 56:6,8):**



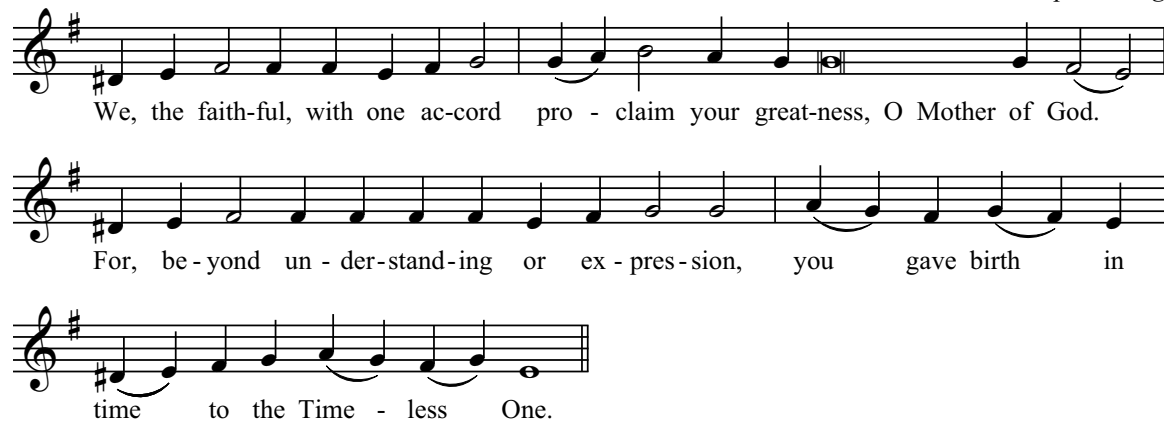
Be ex - alt - ed a - bove the heav - ens, O God,



and let your glo - - - ry be o - ver all the earth.

**Irmos:**

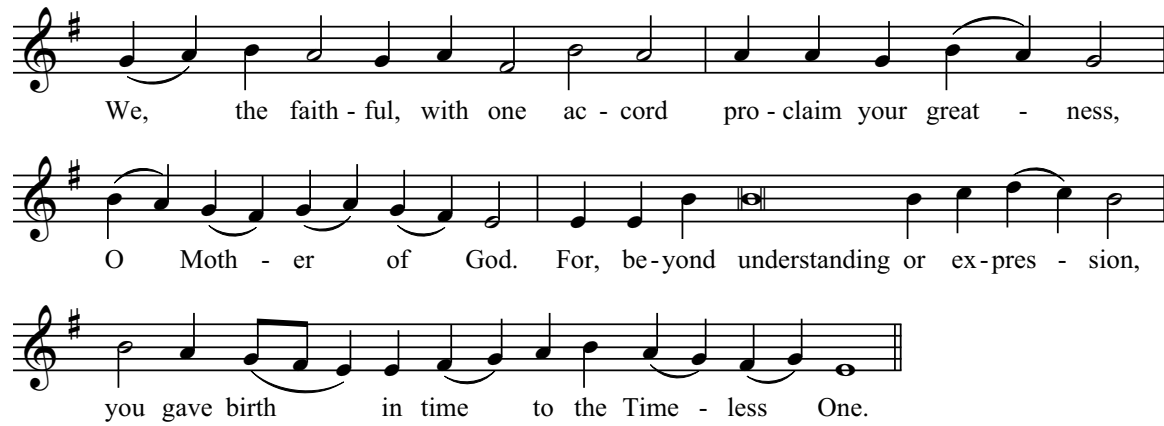
*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*



We, the faith-ful, with one ac-cord pro - claim your great-ness, O Mother of God.  
 For, be - yond un - der-stand-ing or ex - pres - sion, you gave birth in  
 time to the Time - less One.

**Irmos:**

*Tone 5 samopodoben*



We, the faith - ful, with one ac - cord pro - claim your great - ness,  
 O Moth - er of God. For, be - yond understanding or ex - pres - sion,  
 you gave birth in time to the Time - less One.

**Communion Hymn of Sunday (Psalm 148:1):** *(music found on pages 78-81)*

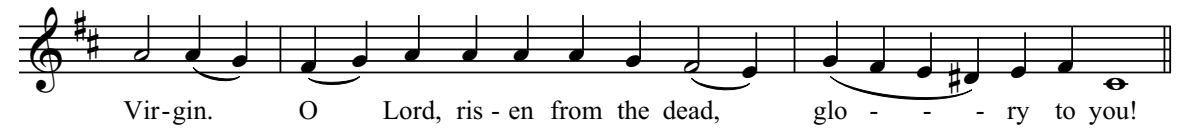
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Communion Hymn for the Council Fathers (Psalm 32:1):**

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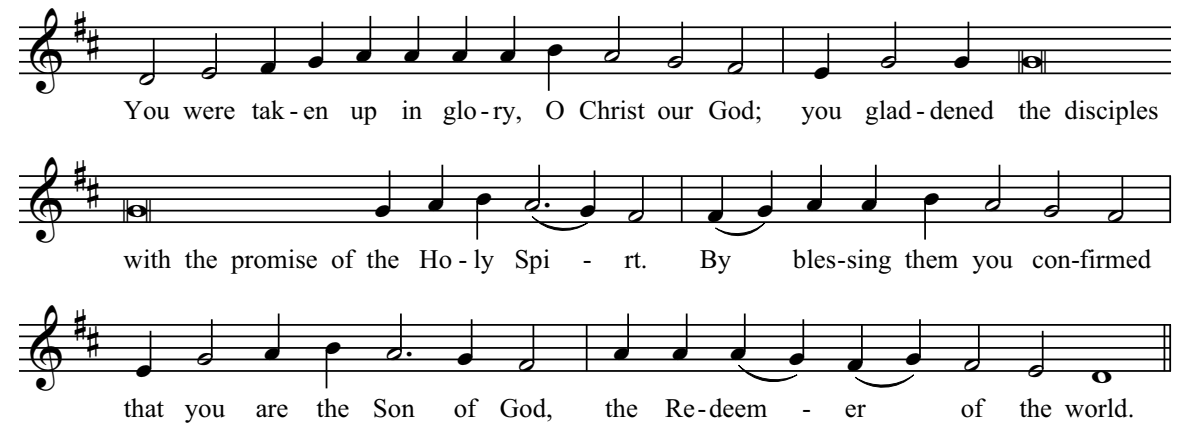


Re-joyce in the Lord you right - eous ones; praise from the up-right,



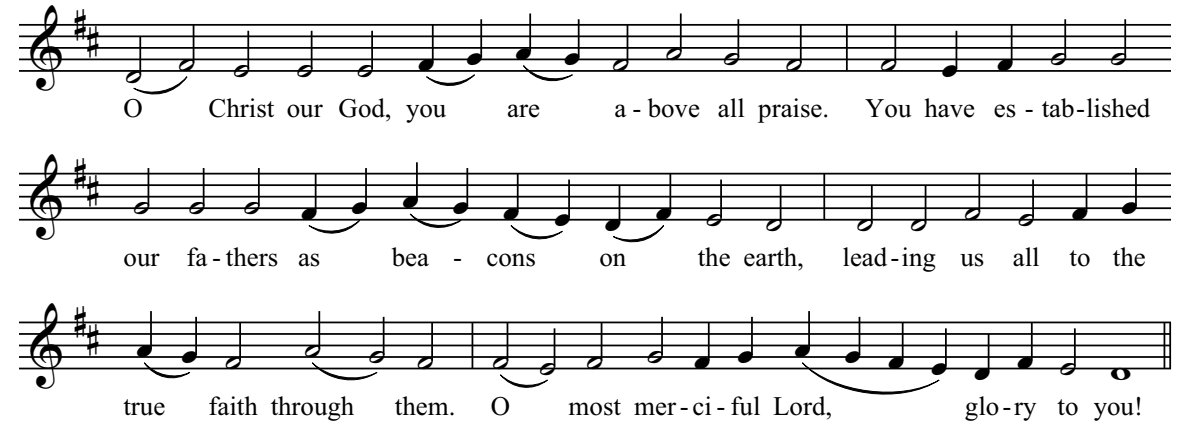
Vir-gin. O Lord, ris - en from the dead, glo - - - ry to you!

**Troparion of the Ascension - Tone 4:**



You were tak-en up in glo-ry, O Christ our God; you glad-dened the disciples  
 with the promise of the Ho - ly Spi - rt. By bles-sing them you con-firmed  
 that you are the Son of God, the Re-deem - er of the world.

**Troparion of the Council Fathers - Tone 8:**



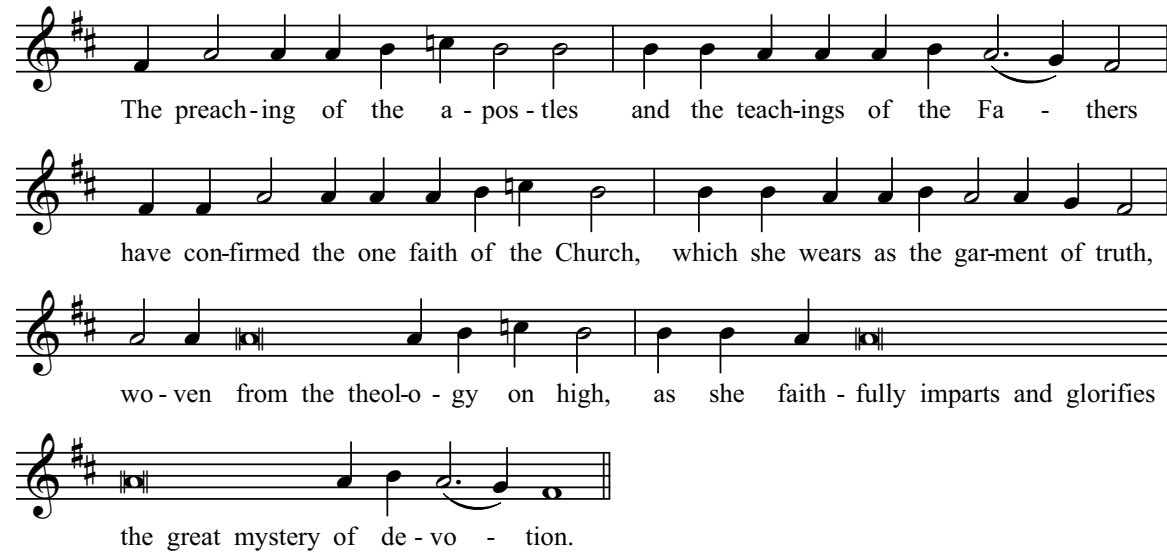
O Christ our God, you are a - bove all praise. You have es - tab - lished  
 our fa - thers as bea - cons on the earth, lead - ing us all to the  
 true faith through them. O most mer - ci - ful Lord, glo - ry to you!

*Cantor*



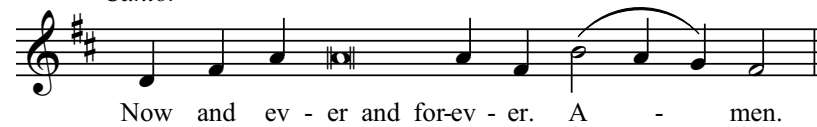
Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it.

**Kontakion of the Council Fathers - Tone 8:**



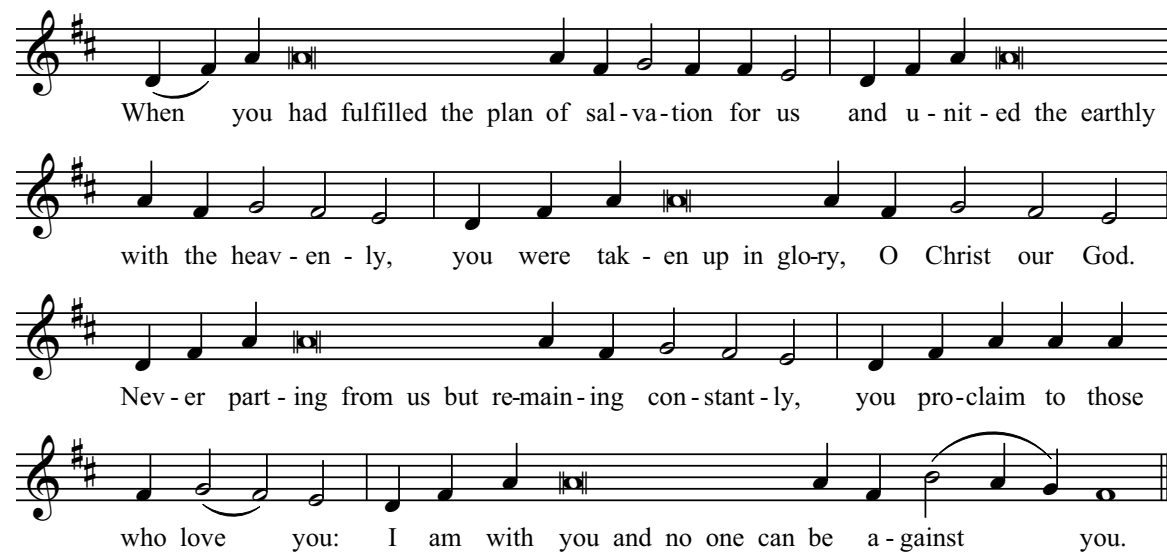
The preach-ing of the a - pos - tles and the teach-ings of the Fa - thers  
have con-firmed the one faith of the Church, which she wears as the gar-ment of truth,  
wo-ven from the theol-o - gy on high, as she faith - fully imparts and glorifies  
the great mystery of de - vo - tion.

*Cantor*



Now and ev - er and for-ev - er. A - men.

**Kontakion of the Ascension - Tone 6:**



When you had fulfilled the plan of sal-va-tion for us and u - nit - ed the earthly  
with the heav - en - ly, you were tak - en up in glo-ry, O Christ our God.  
Nev - er part - ing from us but re-main-ing con-stant-ly, you pro-claim to those  
who love you: I am with you and no one can be a - gainst you.

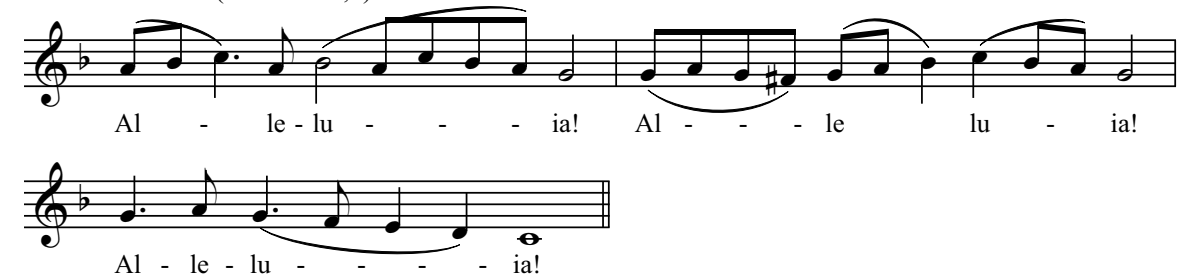
**Prokeimenon - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):**



Bless-ed are you and praise-wor-thy, O Lord, the God of our Fa - thers,  
and glo - ri - ous for - ev - er is your name.

*Verse:* For you are just in all that you have done for us.

**Alleluia - Tone 1 (Psalm 49:1,5):**



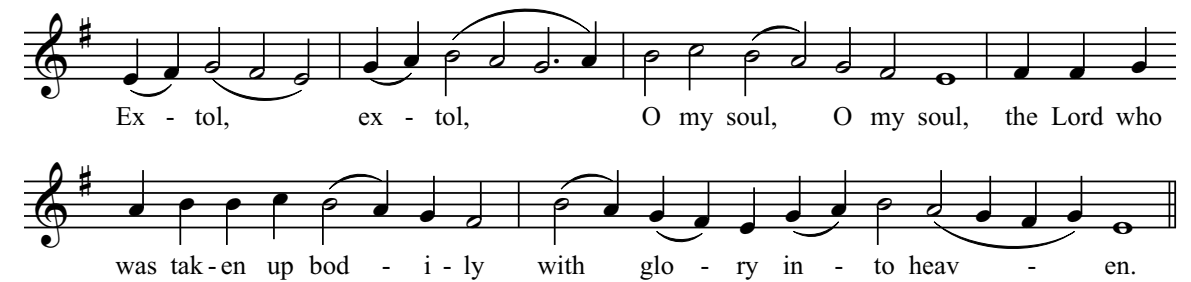
Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*Verse:* The God of gods, the Lord, has spoken and summoned the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

*Verse:* Gather before him his righteous ones who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice.

*Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."*

**Magnification:**



Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul, the Lord who  
was tak-en up bod - i - ly with glo - ry in - to heav - en.