

**Vigil Divine Liturgy Propers**  
**Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Council of Nicaea**  
**Seventh Paschal Sunday**

*Supplement for The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006*

*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 6 (page 149). At the Psalm verse "on 4" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

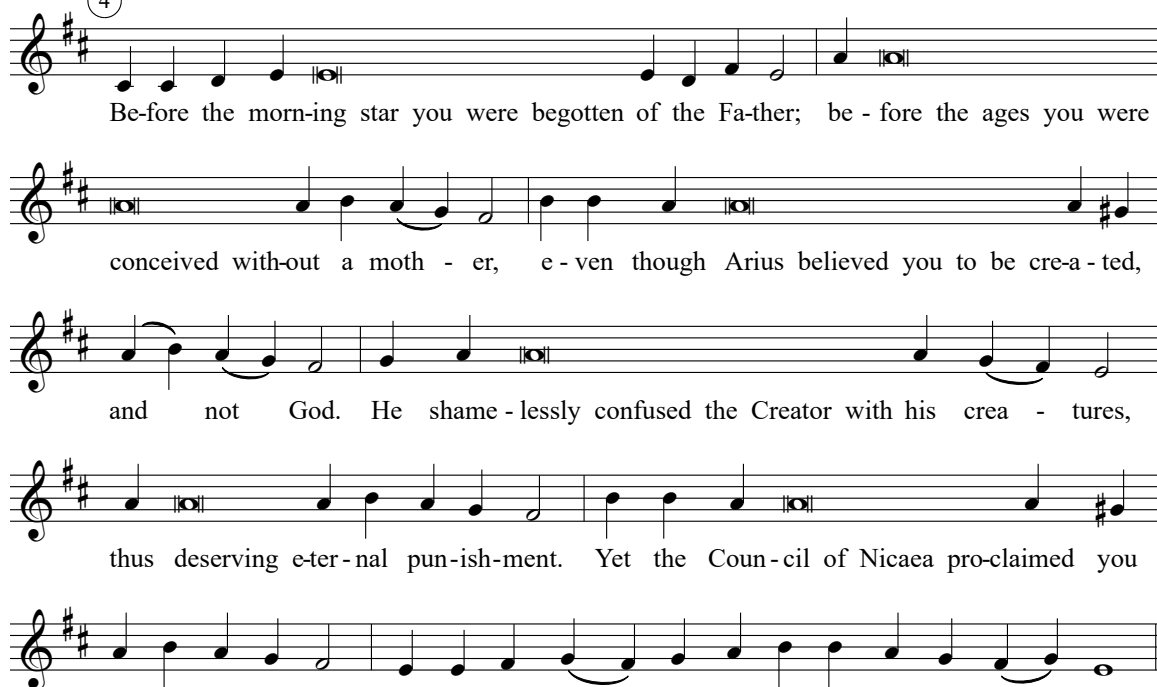
(on 4)

Cantor 

Let the watch-man count on day - break and Is - ra - el on the Lord.

**Stichera of the Sunday of the Council Fathers - Tone 6**

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Be-fore the morn-ing star you were begotten of the Fa-ther; be - fore the ages you were  
conceived with-out a moth - er, e - ven though Arius believed you to be cre-a - ted,  
and not God. He shame - lessly confused the Creator with his crea - tures,  
thus deserving e-ter-nal pun-ish-ment. Yet the Coun-cil of Nicaea pro-claimed you  
as the Son of God who is en-throned with the Fa-ther and the Spir - it.

*(on 3)*

Cantor

Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,  
Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

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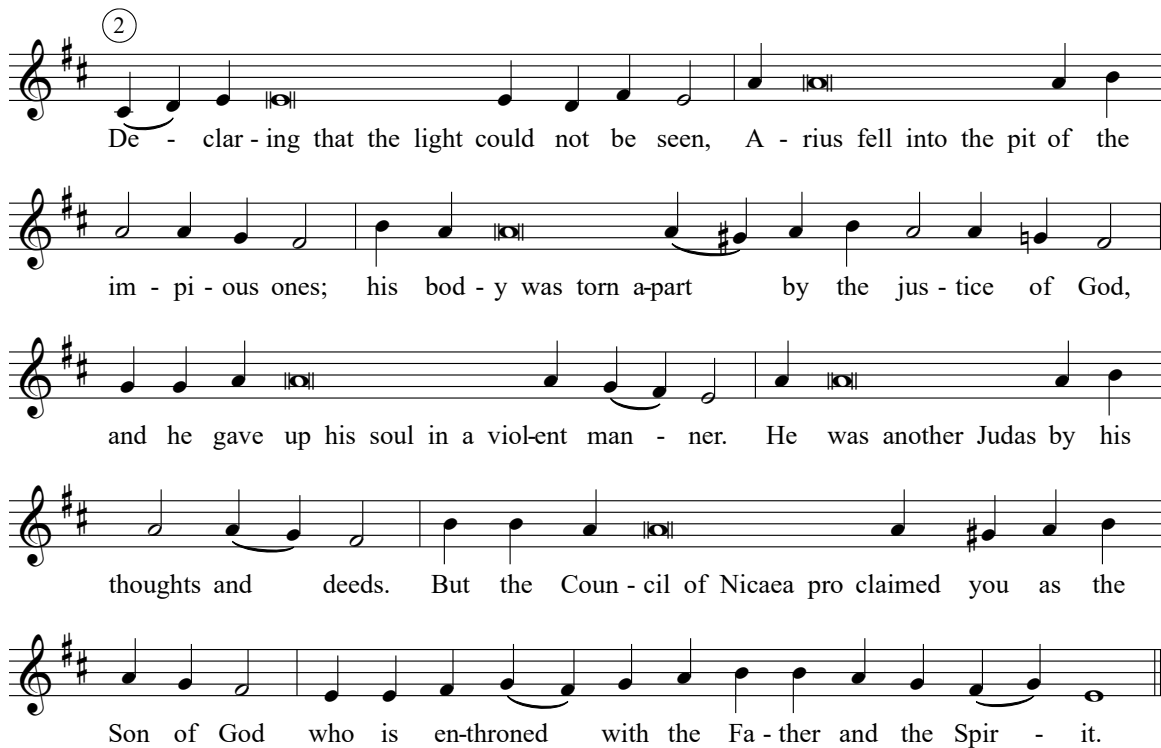
Who has sev - ered your gar - ment, O Sav - ior? It was Arius who divid - ed the  
Trin - i - ty who is e - qual in glory and e - ter - nal maj - es - ty.  
For he denied that you are one of the most ho - ly Trin - i - ty. He taught the  
trans - gres - sing Nes - to - ri - us to say that the Vir - gin is not the Moth - er of God;  
but the Coun - cil of Nicaea proclaimed you as the Son of God who is  
en - throned with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

*(on 2)*

Cantor

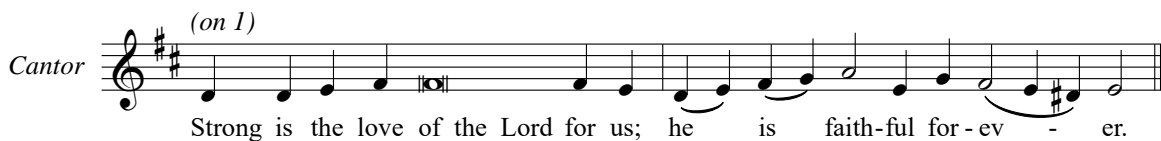
Praise the Lord, all you na - tions, ac - claim him all you peo - ples!

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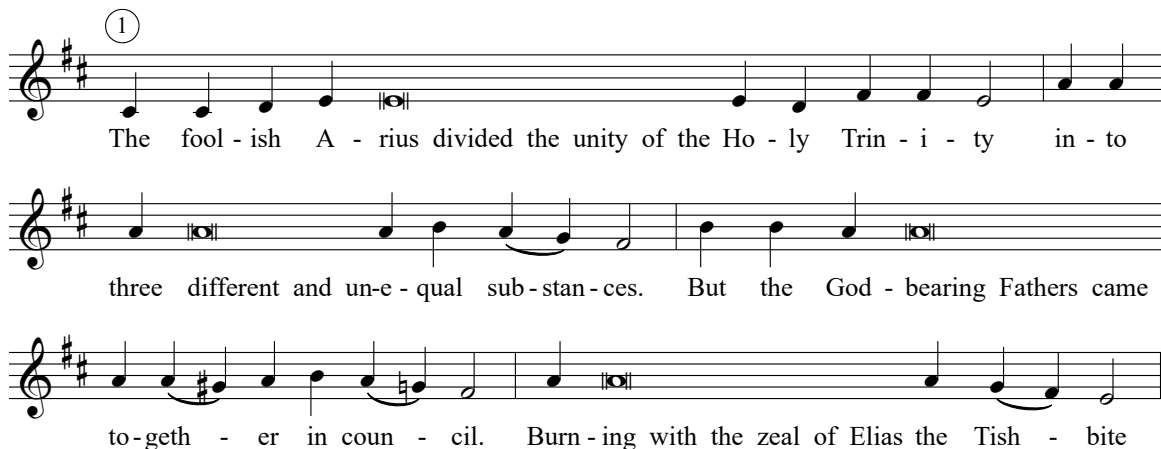
De - clar - ing that the light could not be seen, A - rius fell into the pit of the  
 im - pi - ous ones; his bod - y was torn a-part by the jus - tice of God,  
 and he gave up his soul in a viol - ent man - ner. He was another Judas by his  
 thoughts and deeds. But the Coun - cil of Nicaea pro - claimed you as the  
 Son of God who is en - throned with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

*Cantor* (on I)



Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith - ful for - ev - er.

①



The fool - ish A - rius divided the unity of the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty in - to  
 three different and un - e - qual sub - stan - ces. But the God - bearing Fathers came  
 to - geth - er in coun - cil. Burn - ing with the zeal of Elias the Tish - bite

and with the sword of the Ho - ly Spir - it, they cut down these shame - ful  
blas - phem - ies; for they were di - rect - ed by the Ho - ly Spir - - - it.

*The faithful STAND.*

*Cantor*

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it,  
now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

**Doxastikon of the Fathers of the Council of Nicaea - 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



*As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.*

*The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light".*

*Then the prokeimenon of Saturday evening is sung; the deacon or priest chants the verses.*



**Deacon:** Robed is the Lord and girt about with strength.  
The world he made firm, not to be moved.  
Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

*Then the following readings may be chanted:*

**Readings:** Genesis 14: 14 - 20 (EOT p. 301)  
Deuteronomy 1: 8 - 11; 15 - 17  
Deuteronomy 10: 14 - 21

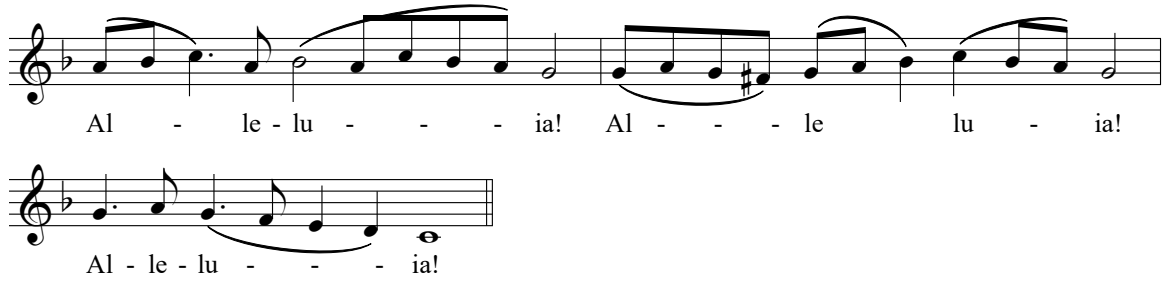
*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Trisagion ("Holy God").*

**Prokeimenon of the Council Fathers - Tone 4 (Daniel 3:26,27):**



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

**Alleluia of the Council Fathers - *Tone 1* (Psalm 49:1,5):**



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

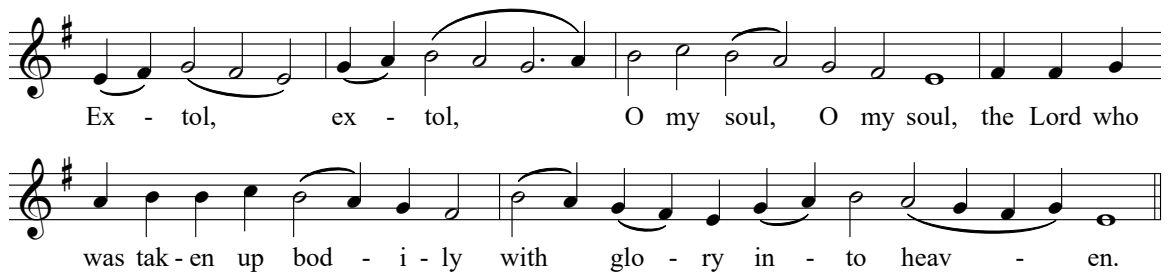
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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.

**Irmos:**

*Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting*



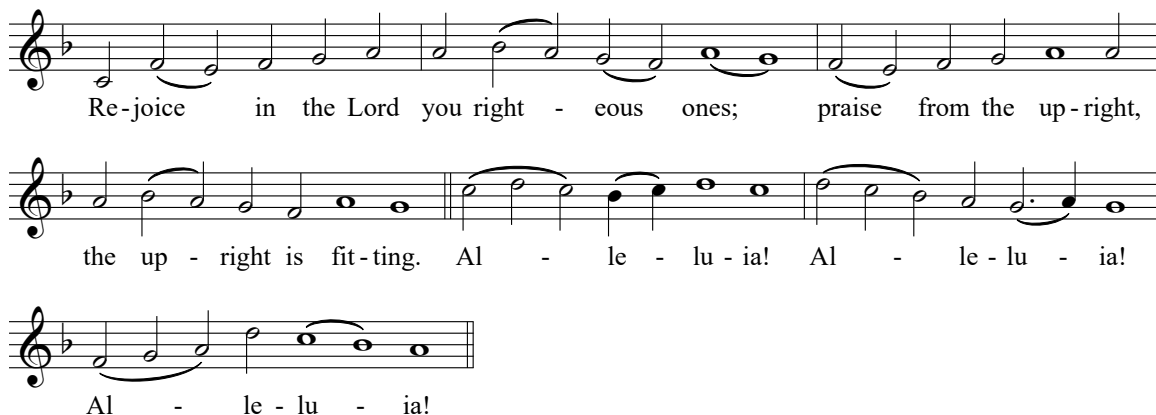
We, the faith-ful, with one ac-cord pro - claim your great-ness, O Mother of God.  
For, be - yond un - der-stand - ing or ex - pres - sion, you gave birth in  
time to the Time - less One.

**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*):

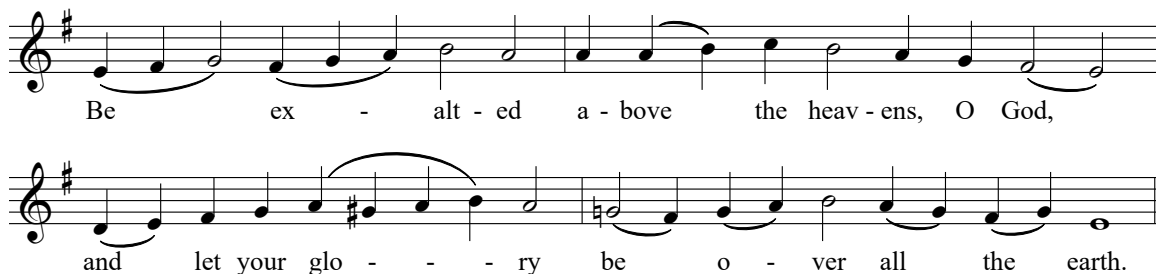
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Re-joyce in the Lord you right - eous ones; praise from the up-right,  
the up - right is fit-ting. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!

*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.

*The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.*

**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!