

Vesper Propers: July 16, 2006
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

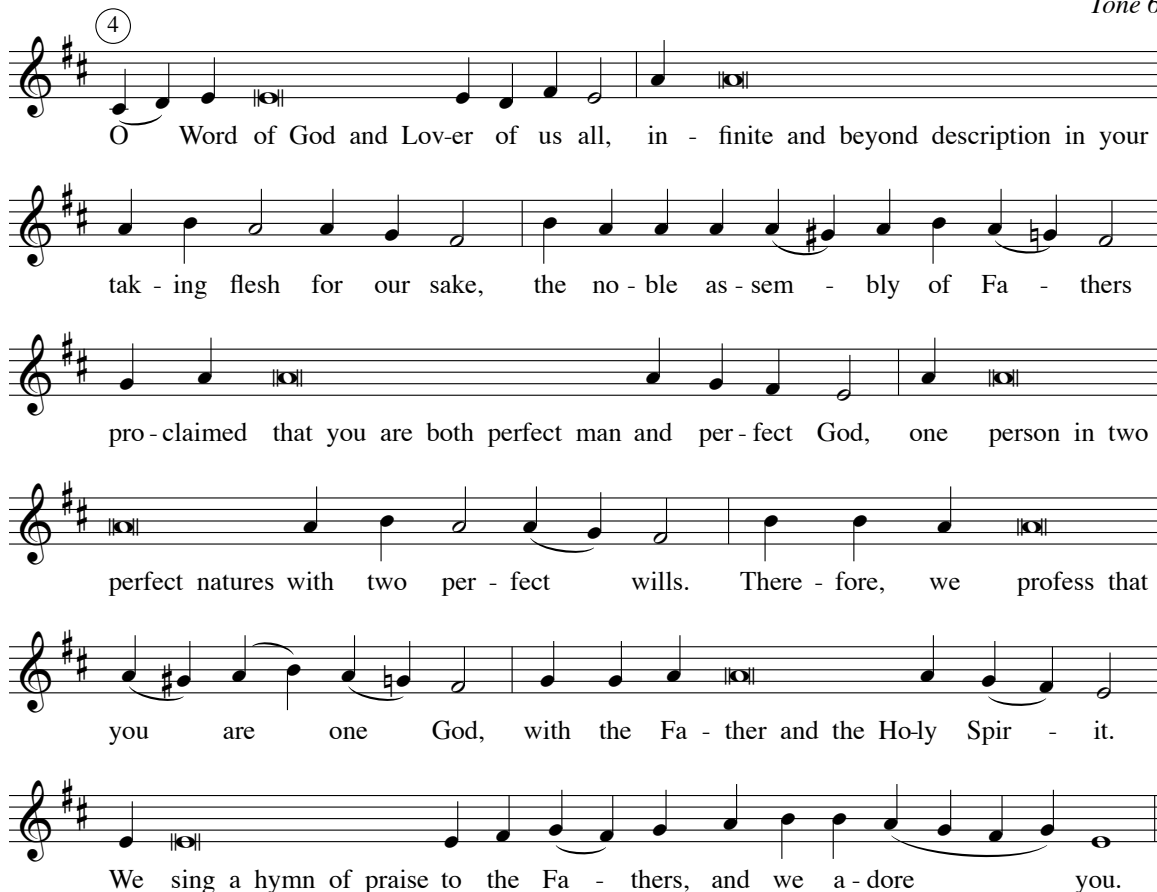
Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2005

Tone of the Week: Tone 5 (begins on page 69), stichera 10 - 5.

Cantor: (Tone 6) 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.

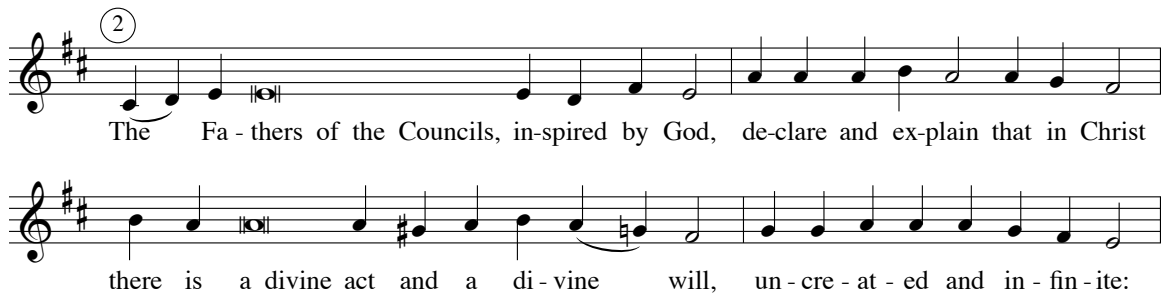
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O glo-rious Fa-thers of the Coun-cils, you demonstrated that Pyrrhus, Sergius,
 and O-nu-phri - us, Di - o - sco - rus, and Nestorius were in er - ror
 con-cern - ing their doctrines a - bout Christ. You save the flock by teaching the
 true prin-ci - 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-ters 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-fine 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 5, p. 76
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 5, p. 77

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 pro-claiming 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, p. 73

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

Troparion in Tone 5, p. 81

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: Glory...now and ever...

Festal Theotokion, Tone 8, p 111

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).