

**Vesper Propers, July 17, 2011**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday of the Fathers at the Six Ecumenical Councils**

*Supplement for The Order of Vespers for Sundays after Pentecost, 2006*

*Lamplighting Psalms in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 58), stichera 10-5.*

**Cantor:** (Tone 6) Let the watchman count on daybreak  
(on 4) and Israel on the Lord.

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

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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.

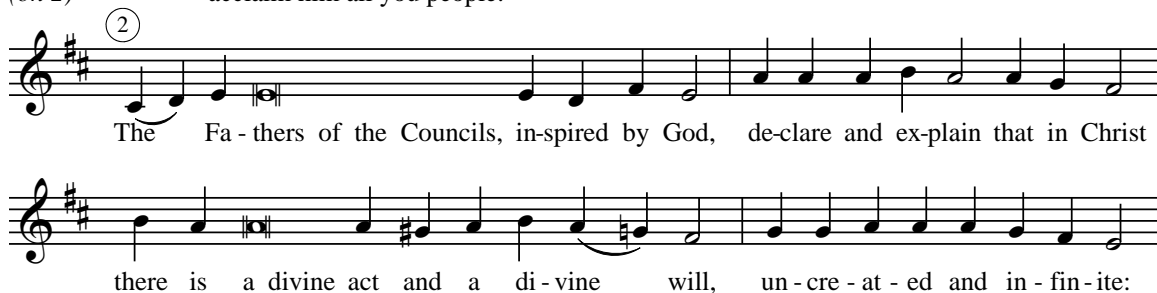
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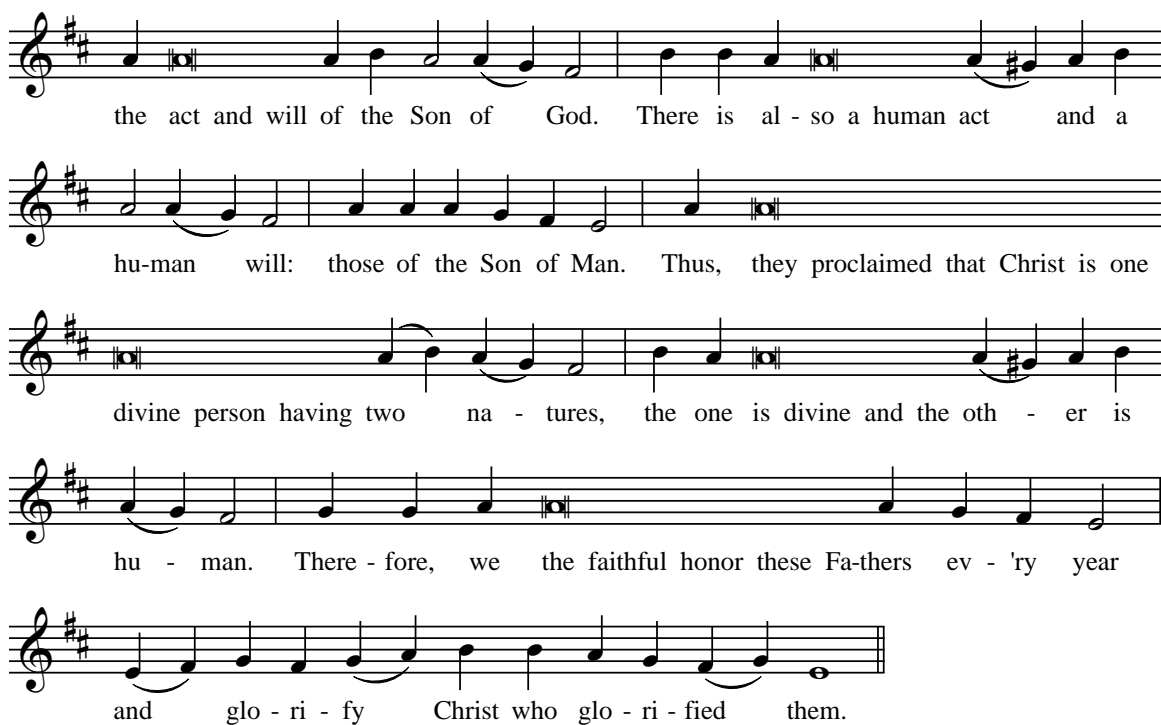
O glo-rious Fa-thers of the Coun-cils, you demonstrated that Pyrrhus, Sergius,  
and O-nu-phri - us, Di - o - sco - rus, and Nestorius were in er - ror  
con-cern - ing their doctrines a - bout Christ. You save the flock by teaching the  
true prin-ci - ple that Christ is one divine person in two na - 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 the nations; **Psalm 116**  
(on 2) acclaim him all you people.

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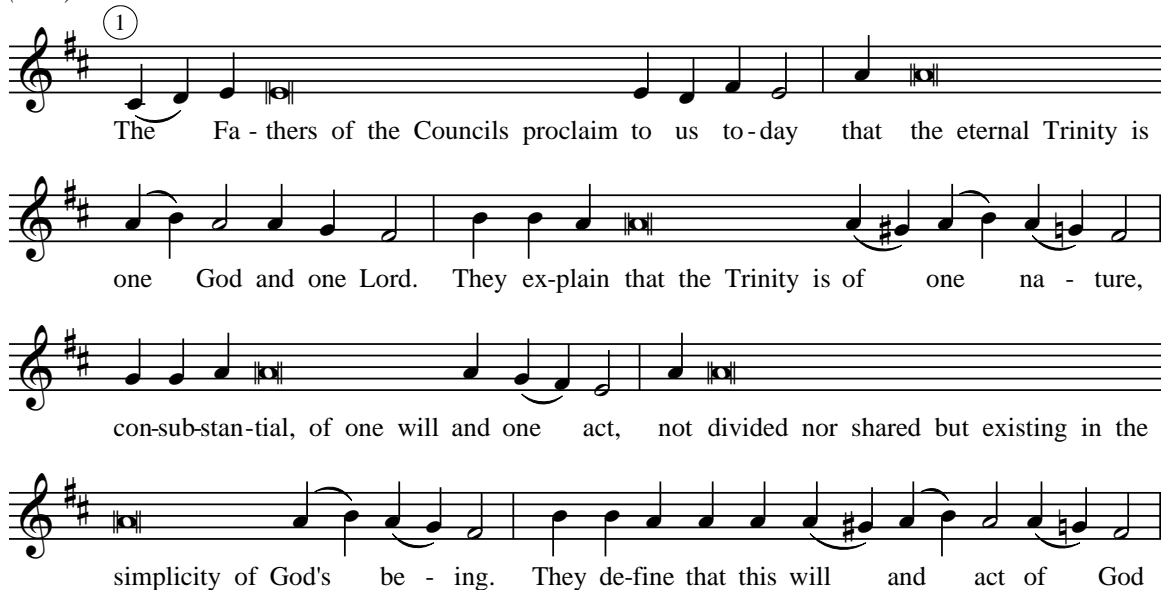


The Fa - thers of the Councils, in-spired by God, de-clare and ex-plain that in Christ  
there is a divine act and a di - vine will, un - cre - at - ed and in - fin - ite:



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 - fine that this will and act of God



had no beginning and will never have an end. There - fore, we the faithful



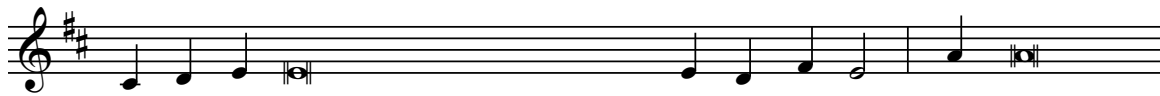
glo - ri fy these Fa - thers as the e - quals of the a - pos - tles,



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

**Cantor:** Glory...

**Doxastikon - Tone 6 samohlasen**



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 - fer - ing 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:** (Tone 7) Now and ever...

*Dogmatikon in the Tone of the week (Tone 4, page 64).*

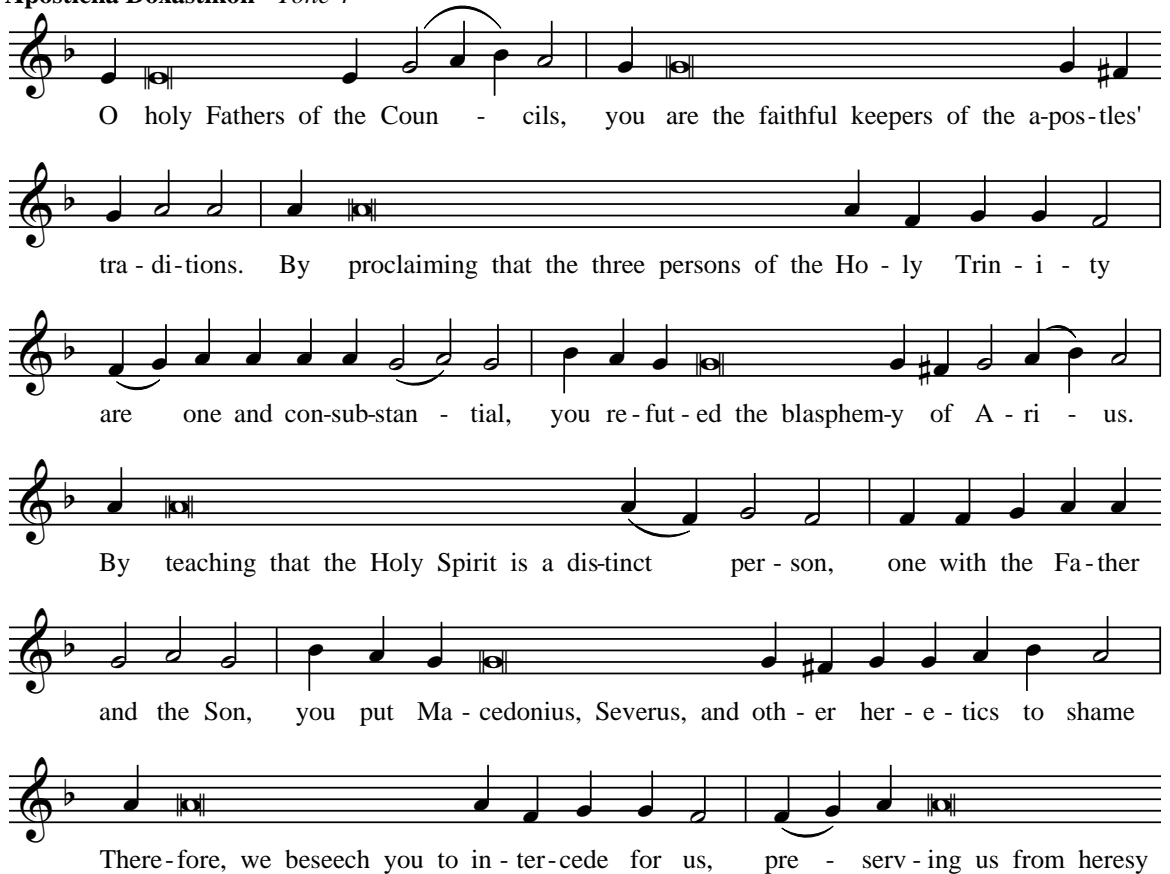
**Readings:** Genesis 14: 14-20 (EOT 301-302)  
Deuteronomy 1: 8-11, 15-17  
Deuteronomy 10: 14-21

## Aposticha

*Aposticha in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, page 65), concluding with:*

**Cantor:** (Tone 4) 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**

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.

## Troparia

*Troparion of the Resurrection in the Tone of the Week (Tone 4, p. 68), then:*

### **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...

### **Theotokion**

O gra-cious Lord, for the sake of man-kind you were born of a vir - gin;  
through your death on the cross you con - quered Death; and through  
your re - sur - rec - tion you re-vealed your - self as God. O Mer - ci - ful Lord,  
do not dis - dain those whom you have cre - a - ted with your own hands,

but show forth your love for man-kind. Ac-cept the in-ter-ces-sion

which the Moth-er who bore you makes in our be-half: O Sav-ior,

save your des-pair-ing peo-ple.