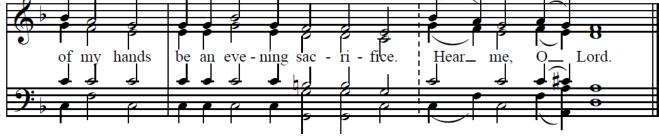
TONE 7 Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

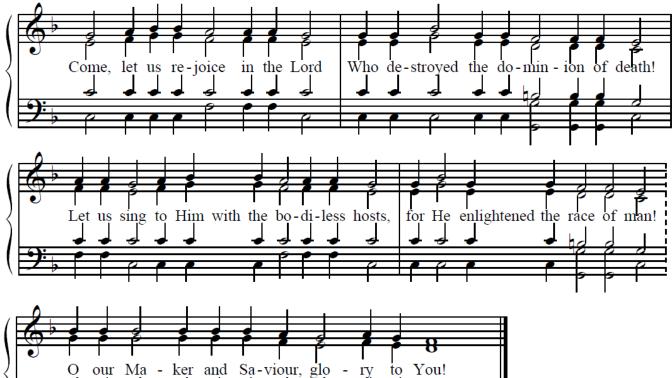
"Lord, I Call..." – Tone 7

Reader: In the Seventh Tone, Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Lord, I call upon You, hear me! Let my prayer arise Hear me, O Lord! in Your sight as incense, Lord, I call upon You, hear me! and let the lifting up of my hands Receive the voice of my prayer, be an evening sacrifice!// when I call upon You!// Hear me, O Lord! Hear me, O Lord! Lord! Lord. call upon You, hear Hear me. me, of my prayer call upon You, hear the voice Lord, me. Re-ceive T 6 when I call pon You. Hear_ 0 Lord. u me, θ the lifting up rise in Your sight as in - cense. and let Let mv praver а



Reader: (Reads text from service book) v. (10) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks to Your name!

<u>Come</u>, let us rejoice in the Lord, Who de<u>stroyed</u> the do<u>min</u>ion of death! Let us <u>sing</u> to Him with the <u>bod</u>iless hosts, for <u>He</u> enlightened the <u>race</u> of man!// O our <u>Maker</u> and Savior, <u>glory</u> to You!



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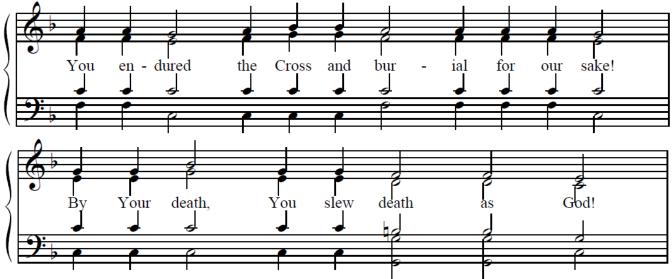
v. (9) The righteous will surround me; for You will deal bountifully with me.

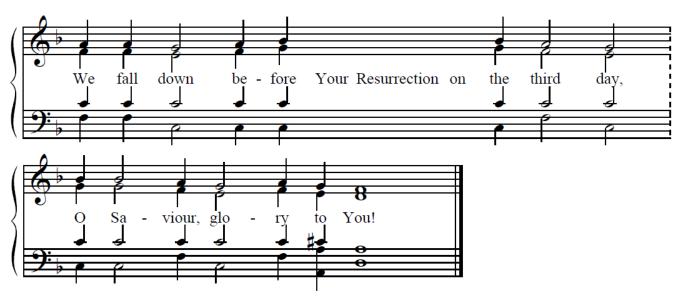
You endured the Cross and burial for our sake.

By Your <u>death</u>, You slew <u>death</u> as God.

We fall down before Your Resurrection on the third day,//

O Savior, glory to You!





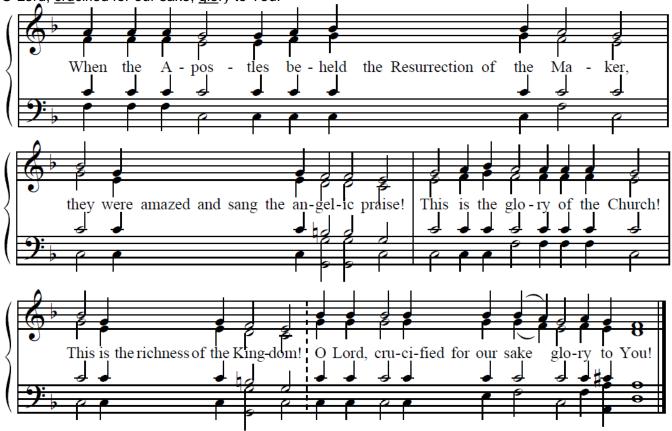
v. (8) Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

When the Apostles beheld the Resurrection of the <u>Maker</u>, <u>they</u> were amazed and sang the an<u>gelic</u> praise.

This is the glory of the Church.

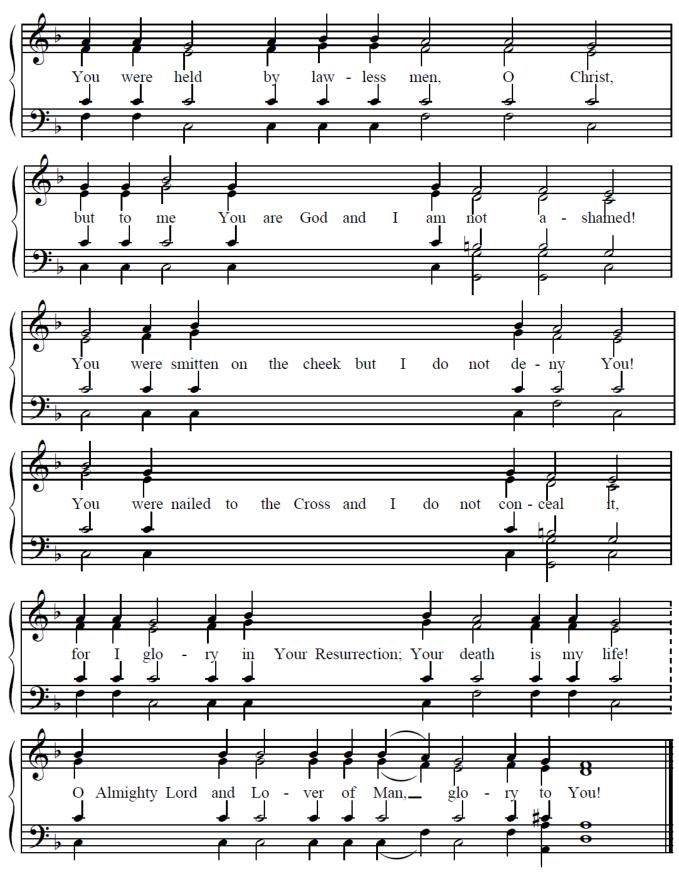
This is the richness of the Kingdom.//

O Lord, crucified for our sake, glory to You!



v. (7) Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

You were <u>held</u> by lawless <u>men</u>, O Christ, but to <u>me</u>, You are God, and I am <u>not</u> ashamed. <u>You</u> were smitten on the cheek, but I do not de<u>ny</u> You. <u>You</u> were nailed to the Cross and I do not con<u>ceal</u> it, for I <u>glo</u>ry in Your Resurrection: Your <u>death</u> is my life.// Almighty Lord and <u>Lov</u>er of man, <u>glo</u>ry to You!



v. (6) In the Sixth Tone, If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.

Tone 6

(for the Fathers)

(Despairing for her life)

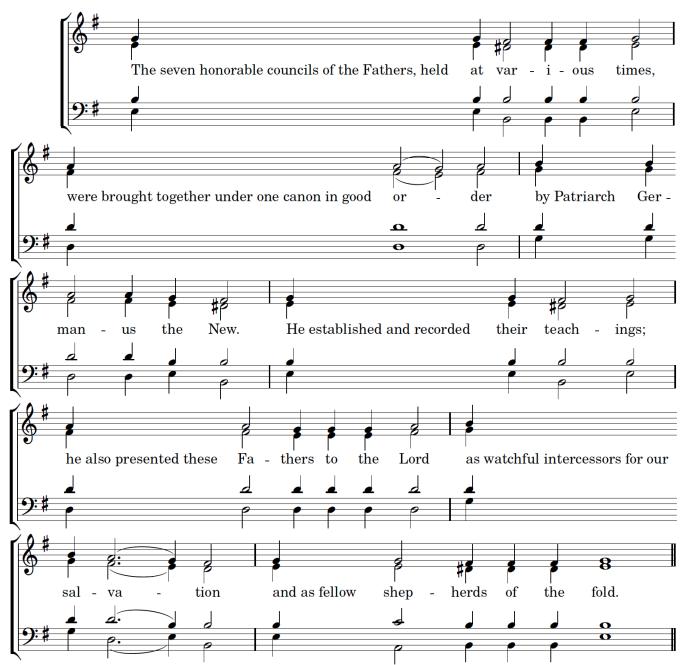
The seven honorable councils of the Fathers, held at <u>var</u>ious times, were brought together under one canon in good <u>or</u>der by Patriarch Ger<u>man</u>us the New.

He established and recorded their <u>teachings</u>; he also presented these <u>Fa</u>thers to the Lord as watchful intercessors for our salvation// and as fellow-shepherds of the fold.



v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.

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v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!

The book of the Law instructed the sons of Israel

that the seventh day was to be honored,

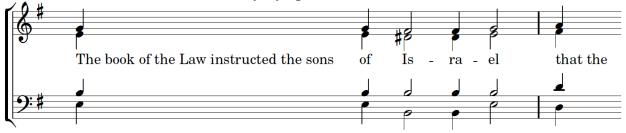
and they devoted themselves to a shadow and reverenced it.

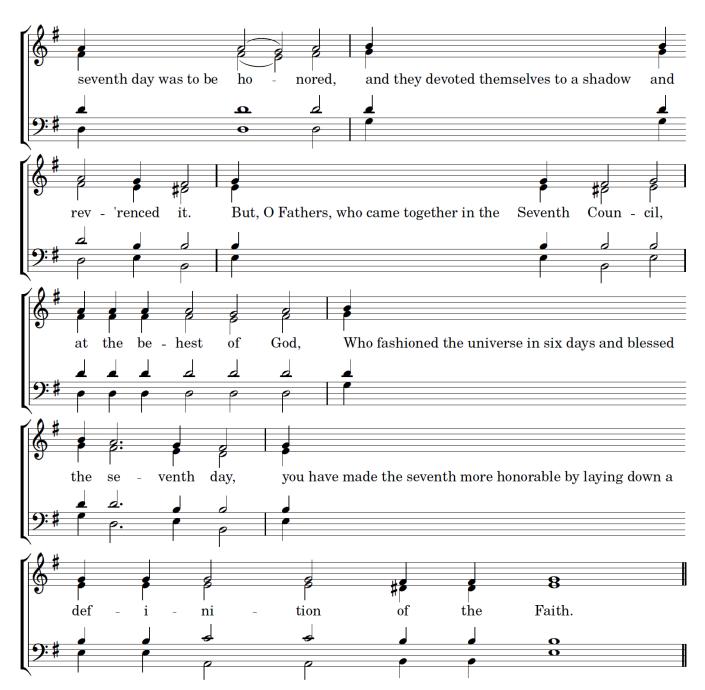
But, O Fathers, who came together in the Seventh Council,

at the behest of God,

Who fashioned the universe in six days and blessed the seventh day,//

you have made the seventh more honorable by laying down a definition of the Faith.





v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.

You have enabled all men, O thrice-blessed <u>Fa</u>thers, to come to the knowledge of the <u>Trin</u>ity as the Cause of the world's generation; for by your mystical <u>rea</u>soning you established three and four <u>Coun</u>cils, and you appeared as champions of <u>Or</u>thodoxy, for you showed that, while there are four <u>el</u>ements,// it is the Trinity Who created them and <u>made</u> the world.



v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!

It would have been enough for Elisha the Prophet

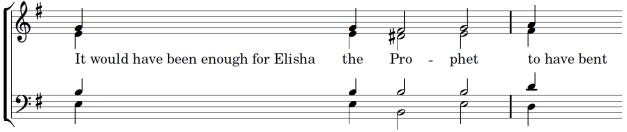
to have bent down only once to give life to the dead son of the woman;

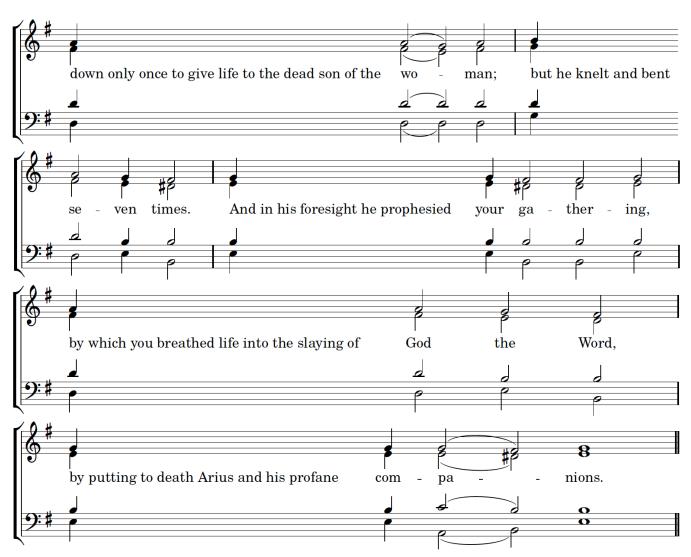
but he knelt and bent seven times.

And in his foresight he prophesied your gathering,

by which you breathed life into the slaying of God the Word,//

by putting to death Arius and his profane companions.



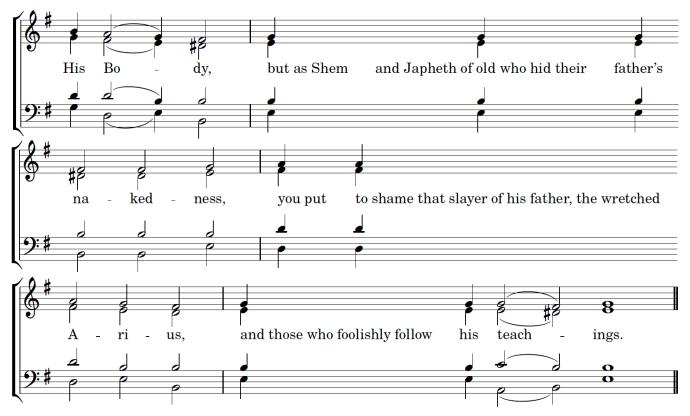


v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures for ever.

In your wisdom, O venerable Fathers,

you mended the garment of Christ, rent by <u>howling</u> dogs; for you could not bear looking upon the nakedness of His <u>Body</u>, but as Shem and Japheth of old who hid their father's <u>nakedness</u>, you put to shame that slayer of his father, the wretched <u>Ar</u>ius,// and those who foolishly follow his <u>teachings</u>.





In the Same Tone, Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; **Tone 6** (for the Holy Fathers)

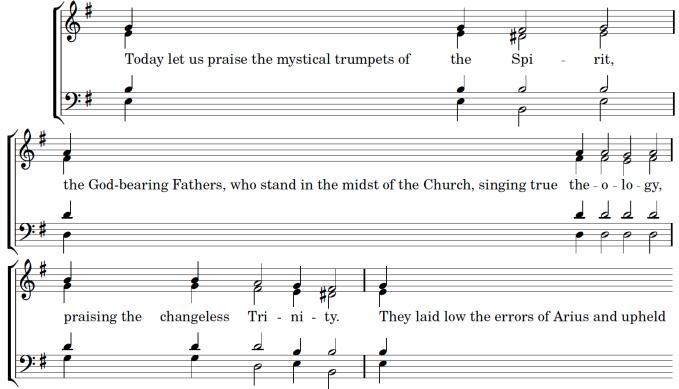
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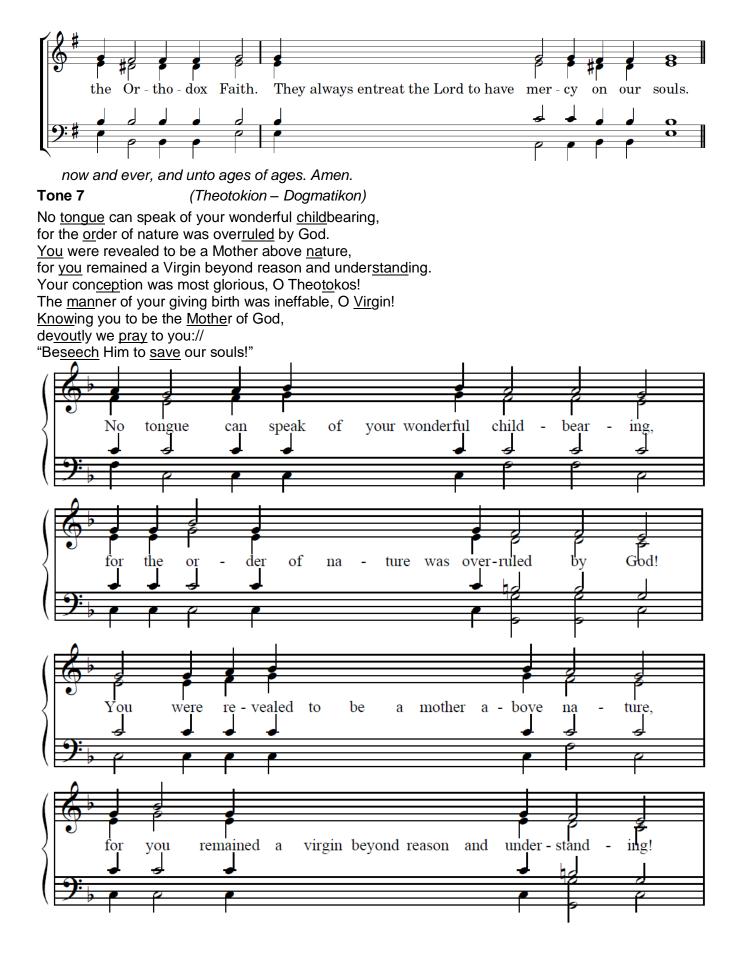
Today let us praise the mystical trumpets of the Spirit,

the God-bearing Fathers, who stand in the midst of the Church, singing true the<u>ol</u>ogy, praising the changeless <u>Trin</u>ity.

They laid low the errors of Arius and upheld the Orthodox Faith.//

They always entreat the Lord to have mercy on our souls.







Prokeimenon of the Day, three readings

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the First Book of Moses called Genesis. (*Genesis* 14:14-20) *Priest:* Let us attend!

Reader: Now when Abram heard that Lot his nephew had been taken captive, he numbered his own home-born servants three hundred and eighteen, and pursued the enemy as far as Dan. And he fell upon them by night, he and his servants, and smote them and pursued them as far as Cho-bal, which is on the left of Damascus. And he brought back all the cavalry of Sodom, and he brought back Lot his nephew and all his goods and the women and the people. And the king of Sodom came out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Cho-do-**Io**-go-mor and the kings with him, to the valley of Sha-veh this was the plain of Kings. And Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine; he was Priest of the Most High. And he blessed Abram and said: Blessed is Abram by the most high God, who created the heaven and the earth. And blessed is the most high God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand.

Priest: Wisdom!

Reader: The reading from the Fifth Book of Moses called Deuteronomy. (*Deuteronomy 1:8-11, 15-17b*) *Priest:* Let us attend!

Reader: Moses said to the sons of Israel: See, I have delivered the land before you; go in and inherit the land which I swore to your fathers, to Abraham and to Isaac and to Jacob, to give it to them and to their seed after them. And I spoke to you at that time saying: I alone shall not be able to bear you. the Lord your God has multiplied you, and behold, you are to-day as the stars of heaven in multitude. May the Lord the God of our fathers multiply you a thousand times more than you are, and bless you as he has spoken to you. And I took from you wise and understanding and prudent men, and I set them to rule over you, captains of thousands and hundreds and fifties and tens and recorders for your judges. And I commanded your judges at that time, saying: Hear cases between your brethren, and judge rightly between a man and his brother and the stranger who is with him. You shall not have respect to persons in judging. You shall hear the small as well as the great. You shall not shrink before any man's person; for the judgement is God's.

Priest: Wisdom!

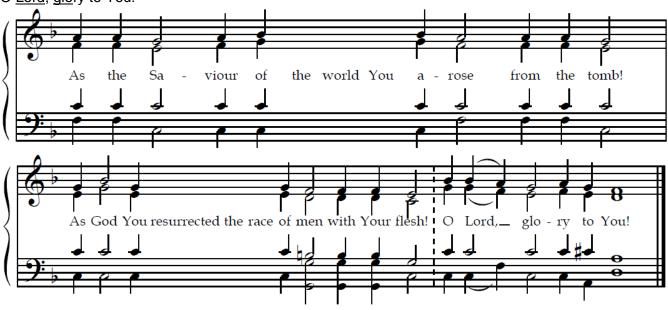
Reader: The reading from the Fifth Book of Moses called Deuteronomy. (*Deuteronomy 10:14-18, 20-21*) *Priest:* Let us attend!

Reader: Moses said to the sons of Israel: Behold the heaven and the highest heaven belong to the Lord your God, the earth and all that is in it. The Lord preferred your fathers, to love them: and he chose their seed after them, you above all nations, as it is at this day. So circumcise the hardness of your heart and stiffen your neck no longer. For the Lord your God is God of Gods and the Lord of Lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality, who takes no bribe. He executes judgement for the stranger, the orphan and the widow; and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. You shall fear the Lord your God and serve him, and to him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in his name. He is your boast, he your God, who has done for you the great and wonderful things which your eyes have seen.

Then, the Augmented Litany (p. 18)

Aposticha – Tone 7

As the <u>Sav</u>ior of the world You a<u>rose</u> from the tomb. As <u>God</u> You resurrected the race of <u>men</u> with Your flesh.// O <u>Lord</u>, <u>glo</u>ry to You!



v. The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

Come, let us worship the One Who rose from the dead,

and enlightened all creation!

By His death, He saved us from the torments of hell.//

By His Resurrection He has granted eternal life and great mercy.



v. For He has established the world, so that it shall never be moved.

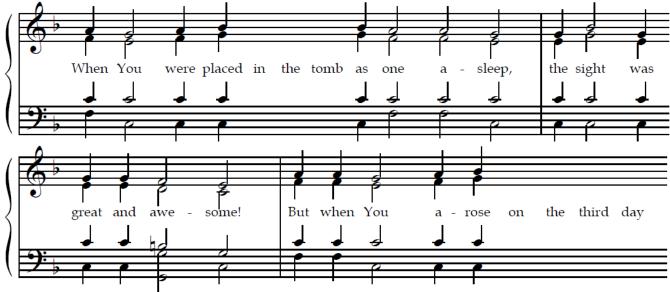
Into <u>Ha</u>des You de<u>scend</u>ed capturing <u>death</u>, O Christ.

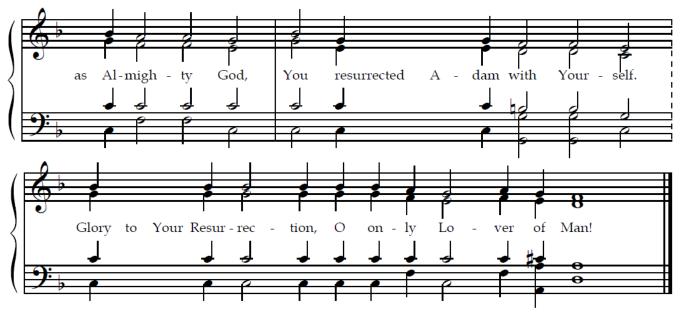
In three <u>days</u> You a<u>rose</u> again, Resur<u>rec</u>ting us who glorify Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion,// O Lord and Lover of mankind.



v. Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore!

When You were placed in the tomb as <u>one</u> asleep, the <u>sight</u> was great and <u>awe</u>some. But when You arose on the third day as al<u>mighty</u> God, You resurrected Adam <u>with</u> Yourself.// Glory to Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion, O only <u>Lov</u>er of man!





Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Tone 4

(for the Fathers)

Come, all Orthodox Churches,

let us celebrate today in faith and true worship

the <u>yearly</u> commemoration of the divinely-arrayed <u>Fa</u>thers

who gathered at Nicea from throughout the world!

There they refuted the godless teaching of Arius,

banishing him from the catholic Church by a decree of the council.

They taught all to confess openly the Son of God,

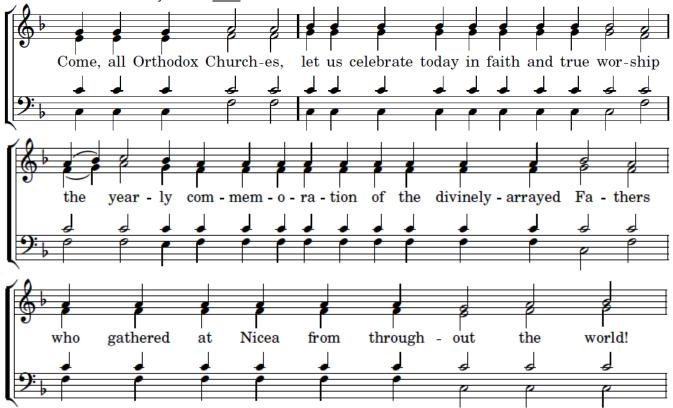
consubstantial and co-eternal with the Father,

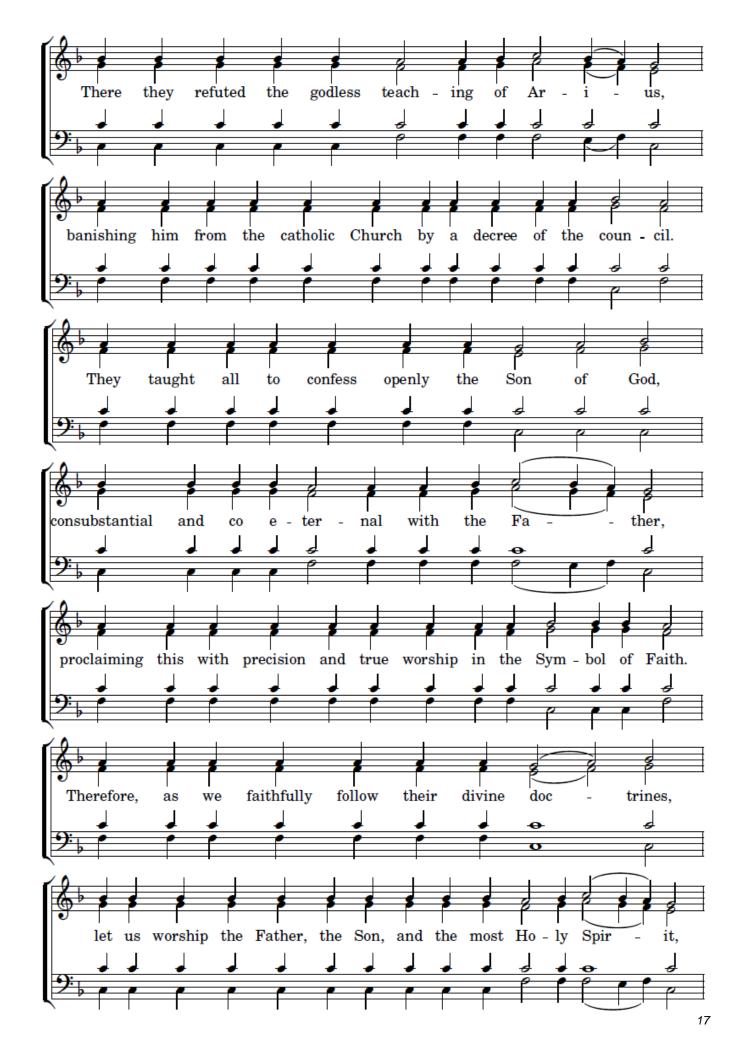
proclaiming this with precision and true worship in the <u>Sym</u>bol of Faith.

Therefore, as we faithfully follow their divine doctrines,

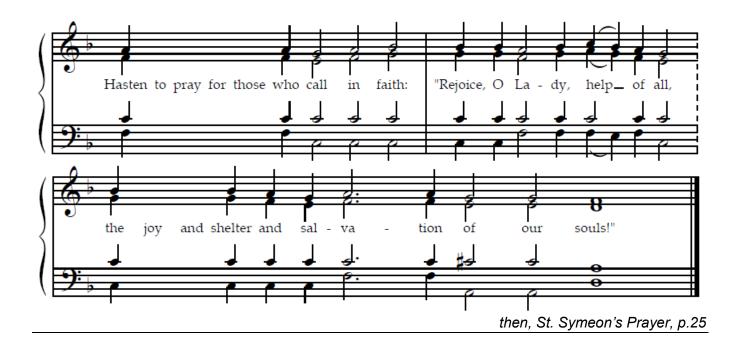
let us worship the Father, the Son and the most Holy Spirit,//

the consubstantial Trinity in one Godhead!











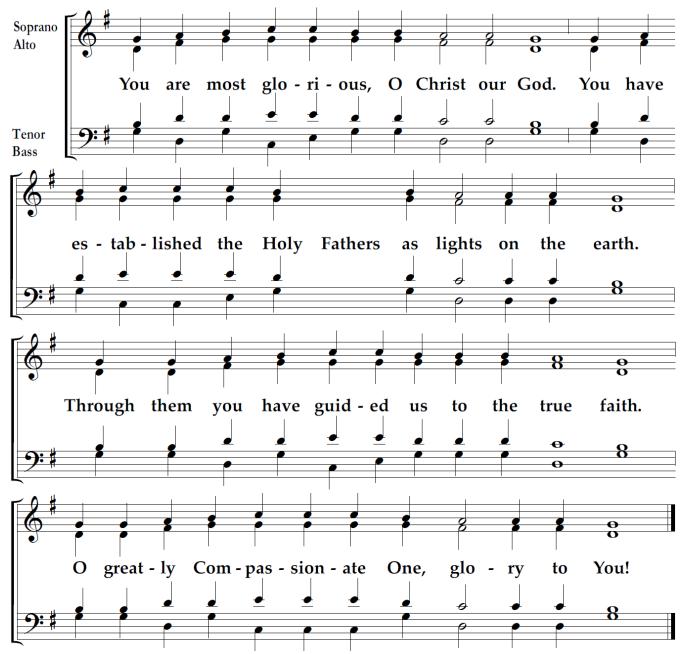
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

Tone 8

Troparion

(Fathers)

(Troparion for the Fathers – Tone 8) You are most <u>glo</u>rious, O <u>Christ</u> our God! You have es<u>tablished</u> the <u>Holy</u> Fathers as <u>lights</u> on the earth. Through them You have <u>guided us</u> to the <u>true</u> Faith.// O greatly com<u>pas</u>sionate <u>One</u>, <u>glory</u> to You!



now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

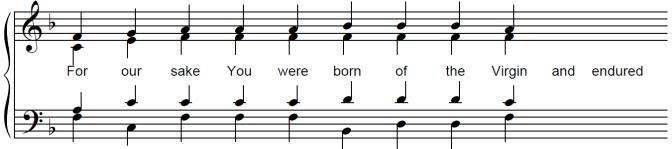
Tone 8 Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion

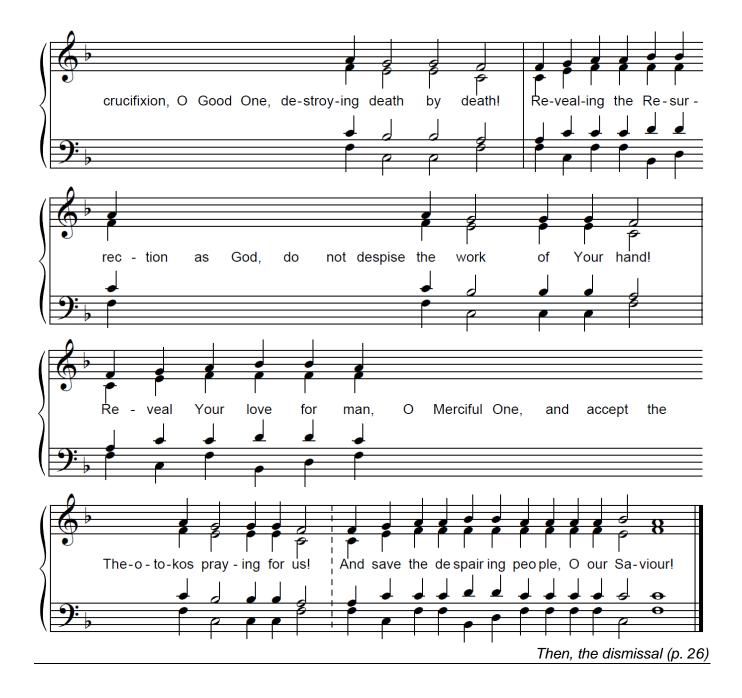
(Resurrectional Dismissal Theotokion - Tone 8)

For our sake <u>You</u> were <u>born</u> of the Virgin and endured crucifixion, O Good One, destroying <u>death</u> by death

revealing the Resurrection as God. Do not despise the work of Your hand!

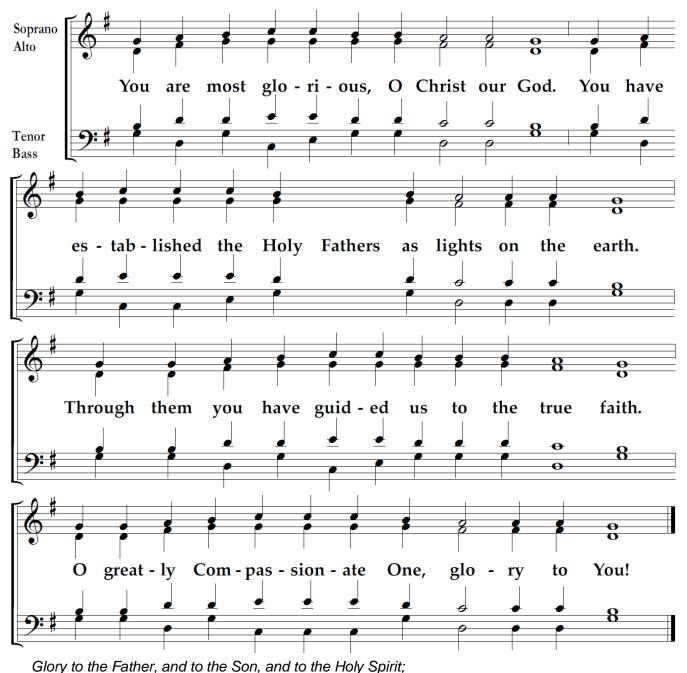
Reveal Your <u>love</u> for man, O Merciful One and accept the Theotokos <u>pray</u>ing for <u>us</u>, // and save the des<u>pair</u>ing people, O our <u>Sav</u>ior!







(*Troparion for the Fathers – Tone 8*) You are most <u>glo</u>rious, O <u>Christ</u> our God! You have es<u>tablished the Holy Fathers as lights</u> on the earth. Through them You have <u>guided us</u> to the <u>true</u> Faith.// O greatly com<u>pas</u>sionate <u>One</u>, <u>glory</u> to You!



Tone 6

Kontakion

(Fathers)

(Kontakion for the Fathers – Tone 6)

The Son who shone forth from the <u>Fa</u>ther

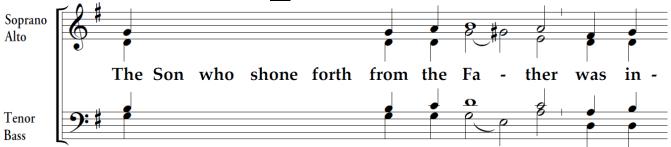
was ineffably born, two-fold in nature, of a woman.

Having beheld Him, we do not deny the image of His form,

but depict it piously and revere it faithfully.

Thus, keeping the True Faith,//

the Church venerates the icon of Christ Incarnate.







Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Prokeimenon, Tone 7

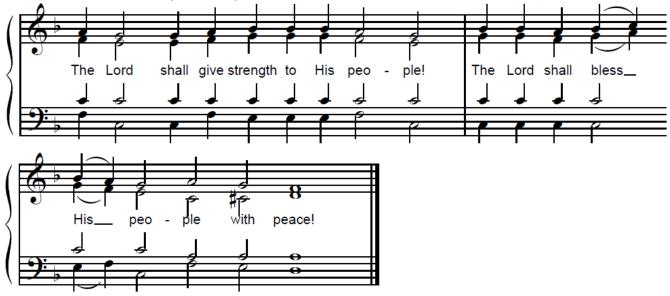
Deacon: Let us attend! Priest: + Peace to all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Deacon: Wisdom!

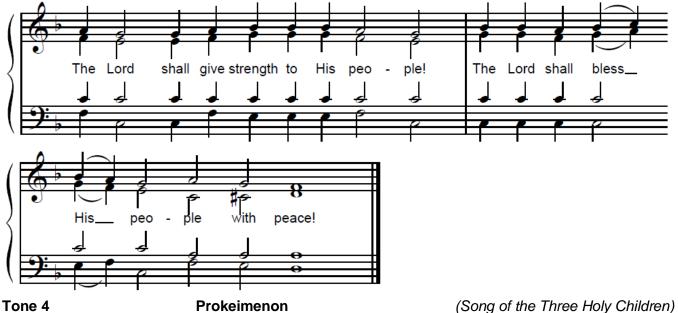
Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 7th Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

People: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

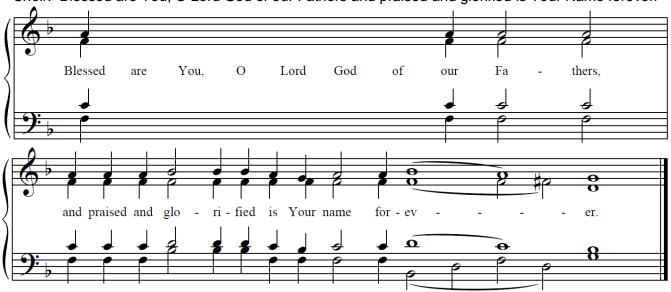


Reader: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

People: The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.



Reader: In the 4th Tone, the Song of the Fathers, Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!



Choir: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!

Deacon: Wisdom!

Epistle: (181) 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 and (334) Hebrews 13:7-16 (Fathers)

Reader: The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. *Deacon:* Let us attend!

Reader: Brothers and sisters, since we are God's fellow workers, we also entreat you not to receive his grace in vain, for he says,

At a favorable time I listened to you; In a day of salvation I helped you.

Behold, now is the acceptable time! Behold, now is the day of salvation!

We give no occasion for stumbling in anything, so that our ministry may not be blamed. Instead, we seek to be approved as servants of God in everything, in great endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in vigils, in fastings, in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in sincere love, in the word of truth, and in the power of God. There is also the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, glory and dishonor, evil report and good report; being thought of as deceivers, and yet true; unknown, and yet well-known; dying, and behold, we live; punished, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; thought to have nothing even though we possess all things!

Brothers and sisters, remember your leaders, those men who proclaimed the word of God to you. Considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried away by all sorts of strange teachings. It is good that the inner person should be strengthened by grace, not by food which is of no profit to those who have been preoccupied by it!

We have an altar from which those who offer divine service in the holy tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals (whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin) are burned outside of the camp. This is why Jesus suffered outside of the gate, so that he might sanctify the people through his own blood. Let us therefore go out of the city to him who is outside of the camp and let us bear his disgrace. For we do not have here on earth an enduring city, but we seek the one that is to come. Therefore, through him, Jesus, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of our lips which confessed his Name. But do not forget to do what is good and to share because God is well pleased with such sacrifices.

Priest: † Peace to you who read!

Alleluia: Tone 7

Reader: And to Your spirit. In the 7th Tone: Alleluia! It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the 1st Tone, To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. *People:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (35) Luke 8:5-15 and (56) John 17:1-13 (Fathers) Page 126 and 39

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

People: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: The Lord said this parable: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was sowing, some seed fell along the wayside; it was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on the rock, and as soon as it grew, it withered away because it had no moisture. Other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. Other fell into the good ground, grew, and brought forth fruit a hundred times." As he said this, he exclaimed, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Then his disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?"

Jesus replied, "To you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest, it is given in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now this is what the parable means: The seed is the word of God. Those along the wayside are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rock are those who receive the word with joy when they hear. But they have no root; they believe for a while, then fall away in time of temptation. What fell among the thorns is those who have heard, and as they go on their way, they are choked with worries, wealth, and the pleasures of life; and they bring no fruit to maturity. As for the seed that fell in the rich soil, this is those who have heard the word with an honest and good heart, who retain it and bring forth fruit with endurance.

At that time, Jesus, lifting up his eyes to heaven, said, "Father, the time has come! Glorify your Son, so that your Son may also glorify you, even as you gave him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

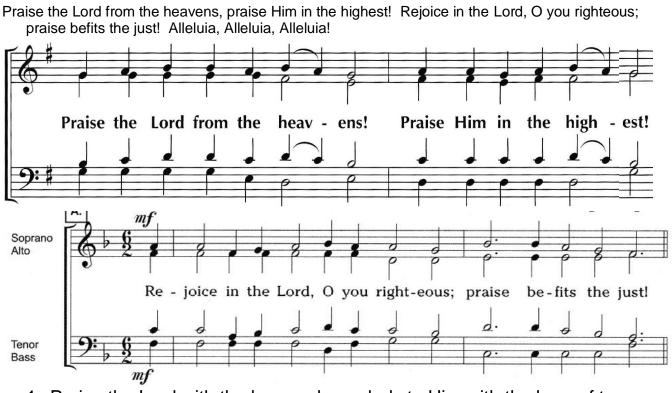
This is eternal life: that they should know you, the only true God, and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ.

I have glorified you on the earth! I have accomplished the work which you have given me to do! Now, Father, glorify me with yourself with the glory I had with you before the world existed. I have revealed your Name to the people whom you have given me out of the world. They were yours, and you have given them to me; they have kept your word. Now they have known that all things you have given me are from you. The words you have given me, I have given to them. They have received them and they have known for certain that I came forth from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them; I do not pray for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All things that are mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. I am no longer in the world, but these are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them through your Name which you have given me, so that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them in the world, I protected them in your Name. Those whom you have given me I have kept. None of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to you, and I say these things in the world, so that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

People: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Sermon	(then p. 89)

Communion Hymn



- 1. Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings.
- 2. Sing to Him a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- 3. For the word of the Lord is upright; and all His work is done in faithfulness.
- 4. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
- 5. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of His mouth.
- 6. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; He put the deeps in storehouses.
- 7. Let all the earth fear the Lord, let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!
- 8. For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it stood forth.

