

July 16/July 29


The Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils

This service is celebrated on the Sunday closest to July 16/29

At Lord I have cried:

At Vespers on Saturday, we sing 10 stichera, 4 from the Octoechos in the Tone of the week and 6 from the Feast in Tone 6, repeating each:

Verse 5:



If You, Lord, shall mark in - iq - ui - ties, Lord, who shall stand?
But there is for - give - ness with You
that You might be feared.

Stichera 2:



You were be - got - ten of the Fa - ther be - fore
the Morn - ing Star, but A - ri - us taught
wrong - ly that You were cre - a - - - - ted.
In his ar - ro - gance he des - ig - nat - ed

you as a crea - ture, yet the Fa - thers
of the coun - cil in Ni - ce - a, O Lord,
pro - claimed that You are the Son of _____ God,
co - en - throned with the Fa - ther _____ and the
Ho - ly Spi - - - rit.

Verse 6:

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His
Word _____ do _____ I _____ hope my soul waits _____
for the Lord.

Stichera 6:

Repeat the above stichera “You were begotten...”

Verse 7:



From the morn - ing watch un - til the night, from the morn - ing
watch let — Is - ra - el hope — in the Lord.

Stichera 7:



O — hon - ored Fa - thers you skill - ful - ly
stiched to - ge - ther the gar - ment of Christ,
which had been di - vid - ed and torn a - part
by bark - ing — dogs. You found it un - bear -
a - ble to see His na - ked - ness,
as, of old, Shem and Ja - pheth could not bear

to see the na - ked - ness of their fa - ther.

You put to shame the wretch - ed - ness of A -

ri - us and those who a - greed with him,

and who pro - fessed the mad - ness that

bears his name.

Verse 8:

For with the Lord there is mer - cy and with Him plen - te - ous

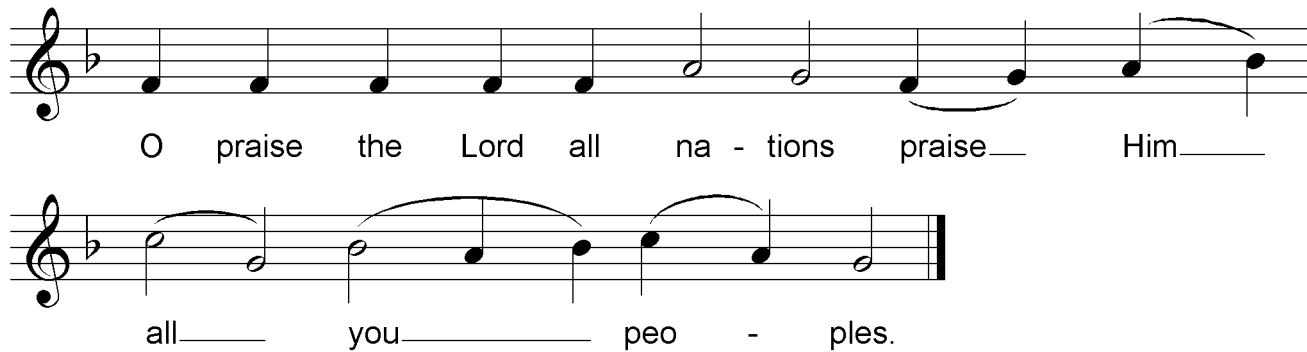
re - demp - tion and He shall re - deem Is - ra - el

out of all his in - iq - ui - ties.

Stichera 8:

Repeat the above stichera “O honored Fathers...”

Verse 9:



O praise the Lord all na - tions praise Him
all you peo - ples.

Stichera 9:



The Ma - ce - don - i - ans and Nes - to - ri - ans,
the Eu - ty - chi - ans and Di - os - co - re - nes,
the Ap - pol - i - na - ri - ans, Sa - bel - li - ans
and Se - ver - ans, who were re - vealed as
op - pres - sive wolves in sheep's skins,
you, as true shep - herds, drove far a - way from

the Sa - vior's flock, hav - ing stripped the
 thrice wretch - ed ones of their sheep's skins.
 There - fore, O ho - ly Fa - thers, we call
 you bless - ed

Verse 10:

For He has made His mer - cy to pre - vail ov - er us
 and the truth of the Lord en - dures for -
 ev - er.

Stichera 10:

Repeat the above stichera "The Macedonians..."

At the Glory...we sing the Doxasticon for the Feast followed by the Resurrectional Dogmaticon from the Octoechos in the tone of the week.

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and
to the Ho - ly Spi - rit.
To - day let us praise the mys - ti - cle
trum - pets of the Spi - rit, the God - bear - ing
Fa - - - thers, who stand in the midst of
the Church sing - ing true the - o - lo - gy,
prais - ing the change - less Tri - ni - ty.
They laid low the er - rors of A - ri - us

and up - held the Or - tho - dox Faith.

They al - ways en - treat the Lord to have

mer - cy on our souls.

We now sing “*Now and ever...*” and the Theotokian - Dogmaticon from the Octoechos in the Tone of the week. Then the Entrance, O Gladsome Light and the Saturday evening Proki - men.

The Aposticha

For the Aposticha, we sing the stichera from the Octoechos in the tone of the week. We then sing “*Glory...*” and the following Doxasticon for the Feast in Tone 4:

To - day we ce - le - brate the an - nu - al

me - mo - ri - - - al of the God - bear - ing

Fa - thers who as - sem - bled in Ni - ce - a.

They laid low the god - less doc - tines of A - ri - us,

driv - ing him from the u - ni - ty of the
Cath - o - lic Church, teach - ing us how to
con - fess the con - sub - stan - tial and co - e -
ter - nal Son of God. They ex - pressed
this clear - ly in the Sym - bol of Faith,
and we fol - low their di - vine doc - trines,
and be - liev - ing in and serv - ing the Son
with the Fa - ther and the all Ho - ly
Spi - rit, the con - sub - stan - tial Tri - ni - ty

and one — Di - vi - - - ni - - - ty.

We now sing “*Now and ever...*” and the Theotokian - Dogmaticon from the Octoechos in the Tone of the week. Then St. Symeon’s Prayer and the conclusion of Vespers

Tropar

For Vespers on Saturday, we sing the Sunday Troparion in the Tone of the week, Glory...for the Feast in Tone 8 below and Now and ever...the Theotokian in the tone of the tropar for the Feast:

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and —

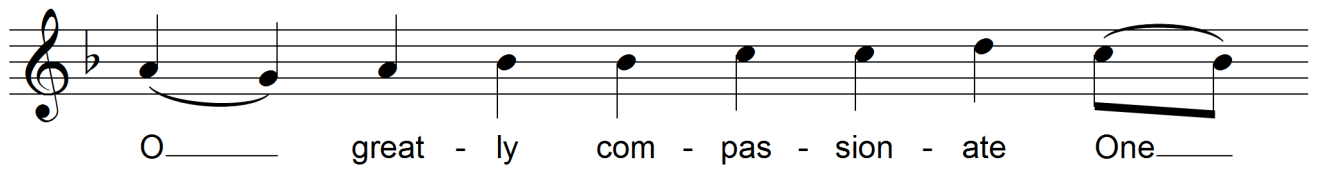
to the Ho - - - ly — Spi - - - rit.

You are most glo - ri - - ous, O Christ our God!

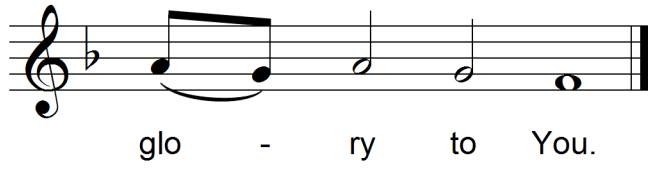
You have es - tab - lished the — Ho - ly Fa - thers

as — lights — on the earth. Through them you have

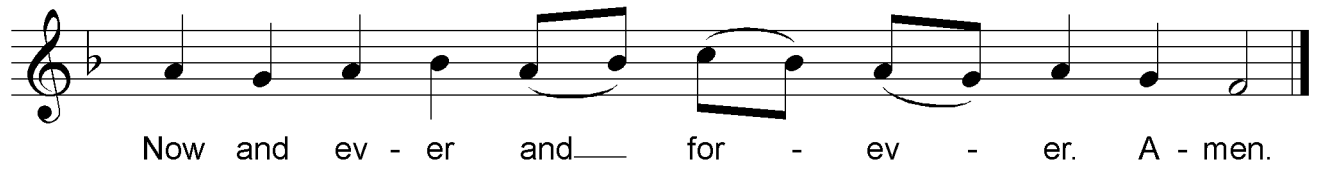
guid - ed us — to the true — Faith.



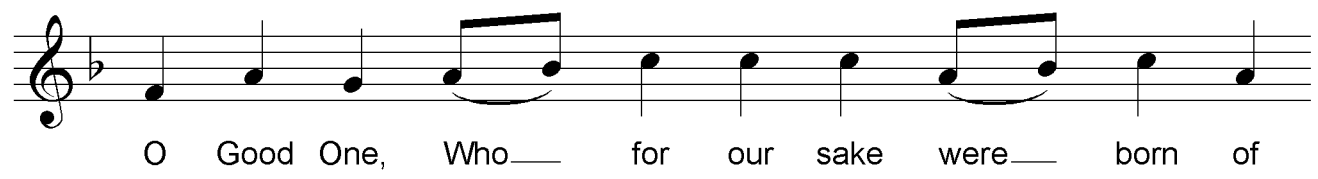
O — great - ly com - pas - sion - ate One —



glo - ry to You.



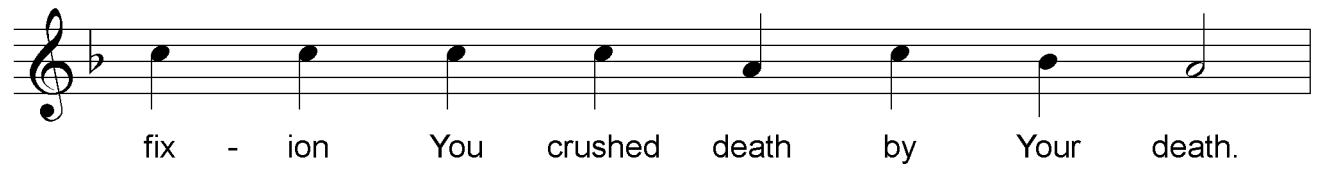
Now and ev - er and — for - ev - er. A - men.



O Good One, Who — for our sake were — born of



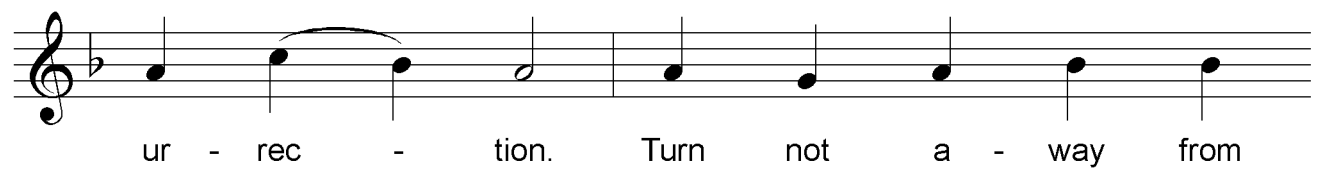
the Vir - gin, and — suf - fer - ing cru - ci -



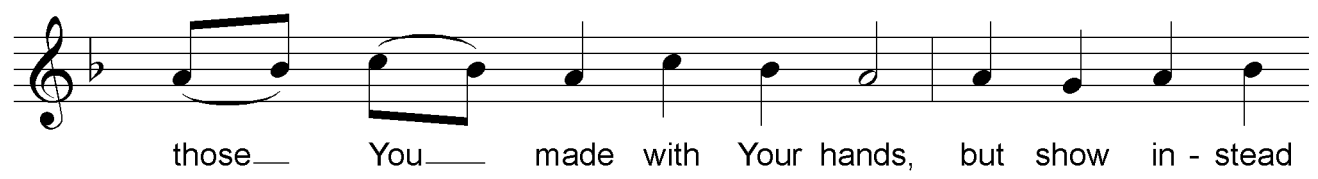
fix - ion You crushed death by Your death.



And, be - ing God, You brought a - bout the res -



ur - rec - tion. Turn not a - way from



those — You — made with Your hands, but show in - stead

Your love for man - kind, Mer - ci - ful One,
and ac - cept as in - ter - ces - sor the Vir - gin,
who gave You birth, the Mo - ther of God.
O our Sa - vior, save us who are in need!