

Pentecostarion; July 13-19; October 11-17

Sundays of the Holy Fathers

First Ecumenical Council: the Sunday after the Ascension

Fourth Ecumenical Council: the Sunday that falls July 13-19

Seventh Ecumenical Council: the Sunday that falls October 11-17

Stichera at the Praises of Matins

Byzantine Mode 6

Special Melody: *Having laid up all their hope*

1. Mak-ing care - ful in - quir - y, with the Di - vine Spir - it's guid - ance,
and join - ing to - geth - er all knowl - edge of things spir - it - ual, as the
scribes of God, thē au - gust Fa - thers wrote the ce - les - tial Sym -
- bol, thē au - gust Creed of our ho - ly Faith, where - in they clear - ly
teach that, with His Be - get - ter, the Word of God is al - so co -
- be - gin - ning - less and is con - sub - stan - tial with Him in truth.
For these god - ly - mind - ed, all - glo - ri - ous, and tru - ly
bless - ed Saints o - pen - ly fol - lowed with fer - vent faith
all that thē A - pos - tles taught.

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2. Since Christ's her - alds had re - ceived all of the spir - it - ual bright - ness

of the Ho - ly Spir - it's light, and had been in - spired of God, they pro -

claimed to all that di - vine or - a - cle filled with won - drous wis -

- dom, which, though few in words, is great in breadth. For they who staunch - ly

fought for the Gos - pel's doc - trines and for di - vine tra - di - tions clear -

- ly had re - ceived ho - ly rev - e - la - tion from God on high;

and be - ing en - light - ened, those bless - ed Fa - thers set forth

for the world that ho - ly Faith which was taught of God,

mak - ing known ē - ter - nal truth.

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3. As true ser - vants of Christ God, the god - ly shep - herds as - sem - bled

all their wise ex - pe - ri - ence as the shep - herds of the flock; and with

god - ly zeal, stir - ring up — right - eous wrath, they wrought right - eous judg -

ment, driv - ing off — dis - eased and griev - ous wolves, when, with the Spir - it's

sling, they ex - pelled them all from the Church - 's ranks, as fal - len ē -

ven un - to death, strick - en with a mal - a - dy past all cure.

For the ho - ly Fa - - - - - thers were ven - 'ra - ble in - i - ti -

- ates and seers of the di - vine — preach - ing from on high,

teach - ing sa - cred — mys - ter - - - - - ies. — — — — —