

October 11th-17th

# The Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

## Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 6  
Special Melody: *Ere the morning star*

Adapted by Dn. John El Massih

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1) Pa - tri - arch Ger - man - os the New as - sem - bled

thē ac - counts of all of the Sev - en Coun - cils

G

con - vened by the Fa - thers at di - verse times and com - piled them

in - to a sin - gle rule and can - on,

set - ting them all in or - der. He thus con - firmed their

E

doc - trines gath - ring them in one writ - ten re - cord.

Un. G

He es - tab - lished them as fel - low shep - herds

o'er us the flock and as most vig - i - lant sup - pli - ants

E F E

be - fore the Lord, that we may be saved.

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2) The Law's let - ter bound the sons of the He - brews

to ob - serve the sev - enth day with due rev - 'rence,

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and keep - ing that wor - ship, they per - sist - ed in the shad - ow.

And when ye gath - ered in the Sev - en

Coun - cils, O sa - cred Fa - thers, bade thus by God, Who

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fin - ished all His works in a span of six days

Un. G

and there - af - - - ter al - so blessed the sev - enth,

ye made the sev - enth yet more hal - lowed and ven - 'ra - ble

E F E

when ye de - creed the bounds of the Faith.

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3) To all men ye clear - ly be-queathed the teach - ing

that the Ho - ly Trin - i - ty is the Cause of

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the world's gen - er - a - tion, as His works plain - ly de - clared Him;

for, be - ing mys - ti - c'lly in - spired, ye

called three and four great Coun - cils, prov - ing the cham-pions

E

of Or - tho - dox - y, O thrice - bless - ed Fa - thers,

Un. G

and ye showed that the God of Three Per - sons

is our Cre - a - tor Who hath made the four el - e - ments

E F E

and fash-ioned all of the ū - ni - verse.

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4) It would have suf - ficed Proph - et E - lis - se - us

to bend down but once that he thus might quick - en

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and breathe life a - gain in the dead son of her that served him;

rath - er, he knelt down sev - en times, and

sev - en times bowed up - on him. Thus, in his fore - vi -

E

sion, he proph - e - sied of your sev - en gath - 'rings,

Un. G

in the which ye breathed your quick - 'ning word on

the death of God the Word, and put to death A - ri - us

E F E

and his pro - fane fel - low - la - bor - ers.

5) Christ the Sav - ior's gar - ment, which had been sun - dered,  
 rent a - part by dogs shame - less in their bark - ing,  
 ye wise - ly have mend - ed, O ye ven - er - a - ble Fa - thers,  
 in no wise bear - ing to be - hold the  
 na - ked - ness of your Mas - ter, as Shem and Ja - pheth  
 hid their fa - ther's na - ked - ness once a - fore - time.  
 Thus ye shamed that slay - er of his fa - ther,  
 the wretch - ed A - ri - us, the name - sake of fren - zied - ness,  
 and those of like mind and thought with him.

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6) Each and ev - 'ry Eu - ty - ches and Sa - bel - lius,

and A - pol - li - nar - i - us and Nes - to - rius,

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Di - os - cor - us, law - less Mac - e - don - i - us, and Sev - 'rus,

all who were shown forth to be griev - ous

wolves in sheep's cloth - ing hid - den, ye as true shep - herds

E

drove far off from the flock of Christ the Sav - ior,

Un. G

when ye stripped them na - ked of their sheep - skins

and no - bly o - ver - came those thrice - wretch - ed her - e - tics;

E F E

where - fore we right - ful - ly call you blest.