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Stichera 1 & 2

Tone 6: "The despairing...", Znamenny (Old Believer)

The Patriarch Germanus the New...

Taking the honored councils of the fathers

brought them together in one single canon

recording and holding their dogmas;

and these valorous intercessors for salvation doth he present

to the Lord, and to the flock and its pastors.

(Repeat)

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Sticheron 3

Tone 6: "The despairing...", Znamenny (Old Believer)

The Scriptures of the law appointed the honored number seven for the Hebrew children, who wait in shadow and serve it; at the command of God who created all that exists in six days and blessed the seventh, the fathers who met at the seven-fold Councils, have made it most honorable.

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Sticheron 4

Tone 6: "The despairing...", Znamenny (Old Believer)

O thrice blessed fathers! Using material things ye taught unto all the Trinity

Who is the cause of the world's creation;

for, as champions of Orthodox discourse

Whose most mystical words compared seven councils as like unto the four elements, ye have made clear the doctrine

of the Trinity, Who hath created these things and fashioned the world.
A single bending of the greatly renowned Prophet El-isha
over the prone son of the woman who had rendered him service
was sufficient to bring life into him;
yet he returned and bent over him seven times,
proclaiming beforehand as a seer of things to come, your Counsils,
whereby ye have brought to life
the mortality of God the Word,
slaying Arius and those who labored with him.

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Sticheron 5

Tone 6: "The despairing...", Znamenny (Old Believer)

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*Sticheron 6*

*Tone 6: "The despairing..." Znamenny (Old Believer)*

Who hath rent Thy garment, O Savior?

It was Arius, Thou hast said, who separated the Trinity's authority of equal honor into divisions.

He hath denied that Thou art One of the Trinity.

He hath taught Nestorius not to say "Theotokos."

But the Council in Nicaea hath proclaimed Thee, O Lord, to be the Son of God, equally enthroned with the Father and the Spirit.

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