

The Creed

The Nicene Creed was formulated at the First Ecumenical Council or Synod in the city of Nicaea, Asia Minor, in 325 A.D. The decisions of the First Ecumenical Synod gave us the largest part of our Creed of Faith, its first seven articles. In later years the Second Ecumenical Council – Synod took place in Constantinople, in 381, and its new decisions completed the Creed, adding the last five articles, and has been recognized since then as the authoritative expression of the fundamental beliefs of the Orthodox Church.

There are 12 articles included in the Nicene Creed (more properly known as the Nicene/Constantinopolitan Creed) which define the most important doctrines (dogmas) of our faith in the following order:

Article 1: God the Father.

Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7: The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ

Article 8: The Church

Article 10: Holy Baptism

Article 11: The Resurrection of the dead.

Article 12: The Second Coming, or Judgment Day.

The Nicene/ Constantinopolitan Creed, with references to Holy Scripture:

I believe in one God, (Deuteronomy. 6:4, Mark 12:29, 12:32, Ephesians 4:6)
Father (Matthew 6: 9, Malachi 2:10)
Almighty, (2 Corinthians 6:18; Genesis 35:11)
Creator of heaven and earth, (Genesis 1:1, Isaiah 44:24, Revelation 4:11)
of all things visible and invisible. (Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 11:3)

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Corinthians 8:6, 2 Corinthians 1:3, Ephesians 4:5)
the Only Begotten Son of God, (John 3:16, John 1:18)
Begotten of the Father before all ages. (Colossians 1:15, 1:17, John 1:1-2, Revelation 1:8)
Light from Light, (John 1:4-5, 1:9, 8:12, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Hebrews 1:3)
True God from true God, (John 1: 1-2, 1 John 5:20)
Begotten, not made, (John 1:14, Hebrews 1:5)
Of one essence with the Father; (John 10: 30, 1 John 1:5, John 8:12, Colossians 2:9)
Through whom all things were made. (John 1: 1-3, 10, 14, Colossians 1:15-17,
1 Corinthians 8:6, Romans 11:36, Hebrews 1:10)
Who for us men and for our salvation (Matthew 1:21, 1 Thessalonians 5:9, Colossians 1:13-14, 1 Timothy 2:4-5, Acts 4:12)
Came down from heaven, (John 3:13, 3:31, 6: 33, 35, 38, 6:51)
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, (Luke 1:27, 34-35,
Matthew 1:18, Romans 1:3)
and became man. (John 1:14, Hebrews 2:14, Philippians 2:6,7)

Crucified for us (1 Peter 2:24, 1 Corinthians 15:3, Acts 2:36) under Pontius Pilate, (Mark 15:15, Matthew 27:2,26)

He suffered ([Mark 8:31](#), [Matthew 16:21](#)) and was buried, ([Matthew 27:59-60](#), [Mark 15:46](#))
Rising on the third day ([Mark 9:31](#), [16:9](#), [Acts 10:40](#), [Luke 24:5-7](#), [1 Corinthians 15: 3-4](#))
In accordance with the Scriptures. ([Luke 24:45-46](#), [1 Corinthians 15:3-4](#))
He ascended into heaven ([Luke 24:51](#), [Acts 1:9](#))
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. ([Mark 16:19](#), [Luke 22:69](#), [1Peter 3:21-22](#))
He will come again in glory ([Mark 13:26](#), [Matthew 24:27](#), [John 14:3](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:17](#), [Acts 1:10-11](#), [Revelation 1:7](#))
to judge the living and the dead ([Matthew 16:27](#), [2 Corinthians 5:10](#), [2 Timothy 4:1](#), [1 Peter 4:5](#), [John 5:22](#), [Acts 10:42](#))
and his kingdom will have no end. ([Luke 1:33](#), [Hebrews 1:8](#), [2 Peter 1:11](#))

And in the Holy Spirit ([Acts 1:8](#), [John 14: 17, 26](#)),
The Lord ([Acts 5: 3-5](#), [2 Corinthians 3:17](#)),
The giver of life, ([John 6:63](#), [2 Corinthians 3:6](#))
Who proceeds from the Father ([John 15:26](#))
Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, ([Matthew 3: 16-17](#), [Matthew 28: 19](#), [2 Corinthians 3:8](#))
Who spoke through the prophets. ([1 Peter 1:10-11](#), [Ephesians 3:5](#), [1Samuel 19:20](#), [Ezekiel 11: 5,13](#))

And in one ([Ephesians 4:4](#), [Matthew 16:15](#)), holy ([Ephesians 1:4](#), [5:27](#), [1Peter 2:5,9](#)),
catholic ([Matthew 28:19](#), [Acts 1:8](#), [Mark 16:15](#)) and apostolic ([Acts 2:42](#), [Ephesians 2:20](#)) Church ([Matthew 16:18](#), [Romans 12:4-5](#), [1 Corinthians 10:17](#), [Colossians 1:18](#), [1Timothy 3:15](#), [Hebrews 12:23](#)).

I acknowledge one baptism ([Ephesians 4:5](#), [Galatians 3:27](#), [1 Corinthians 12:13](#), [Matthew 28: 18,19](#)) for the remission of sins ([Colossians 2:12-13](#), [Acts 22:16](#), [Acts 2:38](#), [Romans 6: 3,4](#) and [1Peter 3:21](#))

I look forward to the resurrection of the dead ([Romans 6:4-5](#), [1 Thessalonians 4:16](#), [John 11:24](#), [1Corinthians 15: 12-49](#))
and the life of the age to come ([2 Peter 3:13](#), [Mark 10: 29-30](#), [Revelation 21:1](#), [John 3:16](#)).
Amen.