

# CHURCH HISTORY TIMELINE

33      100      200      300      400      500      600      700      800      900      1000

● — Roman Persecution — ● ● — 7 Church Councils — ●

ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, APOSTOLIC CHURCH

70 | Fall of Jerusalem

156 | Polycarp martyred

180 | Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*

251 | Anthony of Egypt born; monasticism

315 | First church council, Nicea; Nicene Creed.

325 | Edict of Milan by Constantine; Christian persecution abated

393 | Synod of Hippo; NT affirmed

405 | Augustine publishes *City of God*

426 | Jerome publishes Latin Vulgate

451 | Council #4, Chalcedon; Nestorius condemned

480-550 | Benedict of Nursia; monasticism pervades the west

537 | Justinian finishes the *Hagia Sophia*

620 | Muhammad flees Mecca for Medina

c. 800 | *Filioque* clause in Nicene Creed defended

768-814 | Charlemagne unites much of Europe; spread of Christianity

921 | Christianity comes to Bohemia

966 | Christianity comes to Poland

1033-1109 | Anselm of Canterbury; ontological argument for God

c. 1050 | Christianity comes to Russia

1054 | 1100 | 1200 | 1300 | 1400 | 1500 | 1600 | 1700 | 1800 | 1900 | 2000

● — Crusades — ●

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (WEST)

1066 | William of Normandy invades England

1265-72 | Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologicae*

1382 | John Wycliffe publishes English Bible \*

1453 | Fall of Byzantine Empire to Turkish Moslems

1517 | Martin Luther posts 95 Theses

1526 | William Tyndale NT

1541 | John Calvin comes to Geneva

1545-53 | Council of Trent

1618-19 | Synod of Dort, Calvinism versus Arminianism

1730-50 | First Great Awakening; Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield

1790-1840 | Second Great Awakening; Charles Finney

1700s | William Carey sails for India

1800s | Hudson Taylor founds the China Inland Mission

↑ The Great Schism ↓

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH (EAST)

## THE NICENE CREED, ORIGINAL AND UPDATED TRANSLATIONS

### Council of Nicea, 325

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father  
[the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God],  
Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made [both in heaven and on earth];

who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was  
incarnate and was made man;

he suffered, and the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

And in the Holy Ghost.

[But those who say: 'There was a time when he was not;' and 'He was not before he was made;' and 'He was made out of nothing,' or 'He is of another substance' or 'essence,' or 'The Son of God is created,' or 'changeable,' or 'alterable' — they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.]

### Council of Constantinople, 381

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the  
Father before all worlds (æons), Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten,  
not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was  
incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried, and  
the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into  
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

from thence he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the  
Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who  
spake by the prophets. In one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we  
acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection  
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.