

THE NICENE CREED OF 325¹

1a We believe in one God, the Father, almighty, [*theon patera pantokratora*]

1b maker [*poiētēn*] of all things visible and invisible;

2a And in one Lord [*kurion*] Jesus Christ,

2b the Son of God, [*ton huion theo*]

2c uniquely begotten from the Father [*gennēthenta ek tou patros monogenē*],

2d that is, from the substance of the Father [*ek tēs ousias tou patros*],

2e God from God [*theon ek theou*],

2f light from light, [*phōs ek phōtos*]

2g true God from true God [*theon alēthinon ek theo alēthinou*],

2h begotten not made [*gennēthenta ou poiēthenta*],

2i of one substance with the Father [*homoousion tō patri*],

2j through whom all things came into being [*panta egeneto*],

2k things in heaven and things on earth,

2l who because of us humans [*anthrōpous*] and because of our salvation [*sōtērian*]

2m came down and became incarnate [*sarkōthenta*], becoming human [*enanthrōpēsanta*],

2n suffered [*pathonta*] and rose again on the third day,

2o ascended to heaven, [and]

2p will come to judge [*krinai*] the living and the dead;

3a And in the Holy Spirit.

4a But as for those who say,

4b “There was when he was not” [*ēn pote hote ouk ēn*], and

4c “Before being born he was not,” and that

4d “He came into existence out of nothing [*eks ouk ontōn egeneto*],” or who assert that

4e “The Son of God is of a different hypostasis or substance [*eks heteras hypostaseōs ē ousias*],” or

4f “is subject to alteration or change [*treptou ē alloiōton*]” --

4g these the catholic and apostolic church anathematizes.

¹ This creed was amended in 381 that is the edition that is most often used. Here we are using the original creed from 325. For an interactive version, see http://earlychurchtexts.com/main/nicaea/creed_of_nicaea.shtml