

Nicene Creed

Every Sunday we make a solemn profession of our faith by reciting the Nicene Creed.

It is a summary of faith expressed by the Councils of Nicaea (325 A.D.) and the Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.). It has been an essential element of the Sunday Liturgy since the Sixth Century. The purpose of this Profession of Faith is to allow the gathered people an opportunity to respond to the Word of God that was proclaimed in the readings. It also calls to mind the great mysteries of our faith that we will celebrate in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The New translation of the Nicene Creed contains a few new words that will once again challenge us, so it will take a little getting used to before it becomes familiar. One of those words is “consubstantial” which professes that Jesus and the Father are of one substance, One God. Another word that will challenge us in the Creed is “incarnate”; this too reveals that Jesus the Son of God was given a human body through the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You will also notice when we begin the Creed, we will be using the singular pronoun “I” instead of “We”. This change is calling us to make a personal profession of our faith.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;

Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic,
and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

**This is our Faith,
This is the Faith of the Church
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.**

Amen