

# *Creed of the Orthodox Faith*

*by St. Gregory of Nazianz*

1. We confess and believe, with most sincere heart, in God the Father, uncreated, not born, and without beginning, and in the Son, born of the Father and in the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father.
2. We believe in God the Word, uncreated, begotten and proceeding from the Father before all ages, not after and not less, but as much as the Father is Father, the Son with Him is Son.
3. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, uncreated and timeless, not born, but proceeding from the Father, of the substance of the Father and glorified with the Son.
4. We believe in the Holy Trinity, one nature, one Godhead, not three Gods, but one God, one will, one kingship, one power; Creator of all things visible and invisible.
5. We believe in the Holy Church, the remission of sins, and the communion of saints.
6. We believe one of the three persons, God the Word begotten of the Father before all ages, in time, descended into the God-bearer, the Virgin Mary, taking from her blood and uniting it to His divinity, waiting patiently in the womb of the pure virgin for nine months, and was perfect God and perfect man, in spirit, in mind, and in body; one person, one countenance, and united nature. God became man without change and without any alteration, without seed and purely born; so that there was no beginning to His divinity and no end to His manhood; for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
7. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ lived on earth and that after thirty years He came to baptism. The Father from on high witnessed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. He was tempted by Satan and overcame him. He preached salvation for mankind. He labored in the body, hungered, and thirsted. After, He willingly came to suffer and be crucified and died in the body, yet lived in His divinity. His body was placed in the grave united with His divinity; and, with His spirit undivided from His divinity, He descended into Hades. He preached to the souls in Hades, destroyed Hades and delivered them. After three days, He rose from the dead and appeared to the disciples.
8. We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ, with the same body ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father. And that He is to come with the same body and the glory of the Father, to judge the living and the dead, which is to be the resurrection of all mankind.
9. We believe in the reward of works, for the just, eternal life; for sinners, eternal punishment.

***The Armenian Version of the Apostle's Creed:***

(Used for Baptisms)

We believe in the all-holy Trinity, in the Father, in the Son, in the Holy Spirit; in the Annunciation of Gabriel, in the Birth of Christ, in His Baptism, in His Sufferings, in His Crucifixion, in His Burial of three days. His Resurrection, His Ascension as God, His sitting at the right hand of the Father and His awesome and wonderful Second Coming, we confess and believe.

***The Creed of Holy Communion:***

We believe in the Holy Father, true God; we believe in the Holy Son, true God; we believe in the Holy Spirit, true God; we confess and believe that this is the living and life-giving body and blood of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, which shall be for the remission and forgiveness of our sins. We confess and believe.