

Introduction to Orthodoxy

Fall 2016: A Basic Catechesis
in Orthodox Christianity

Part 10: The Church Confesses
Christ: The Nicene Creed



Holy Tradition: Life of Spirit in the Church



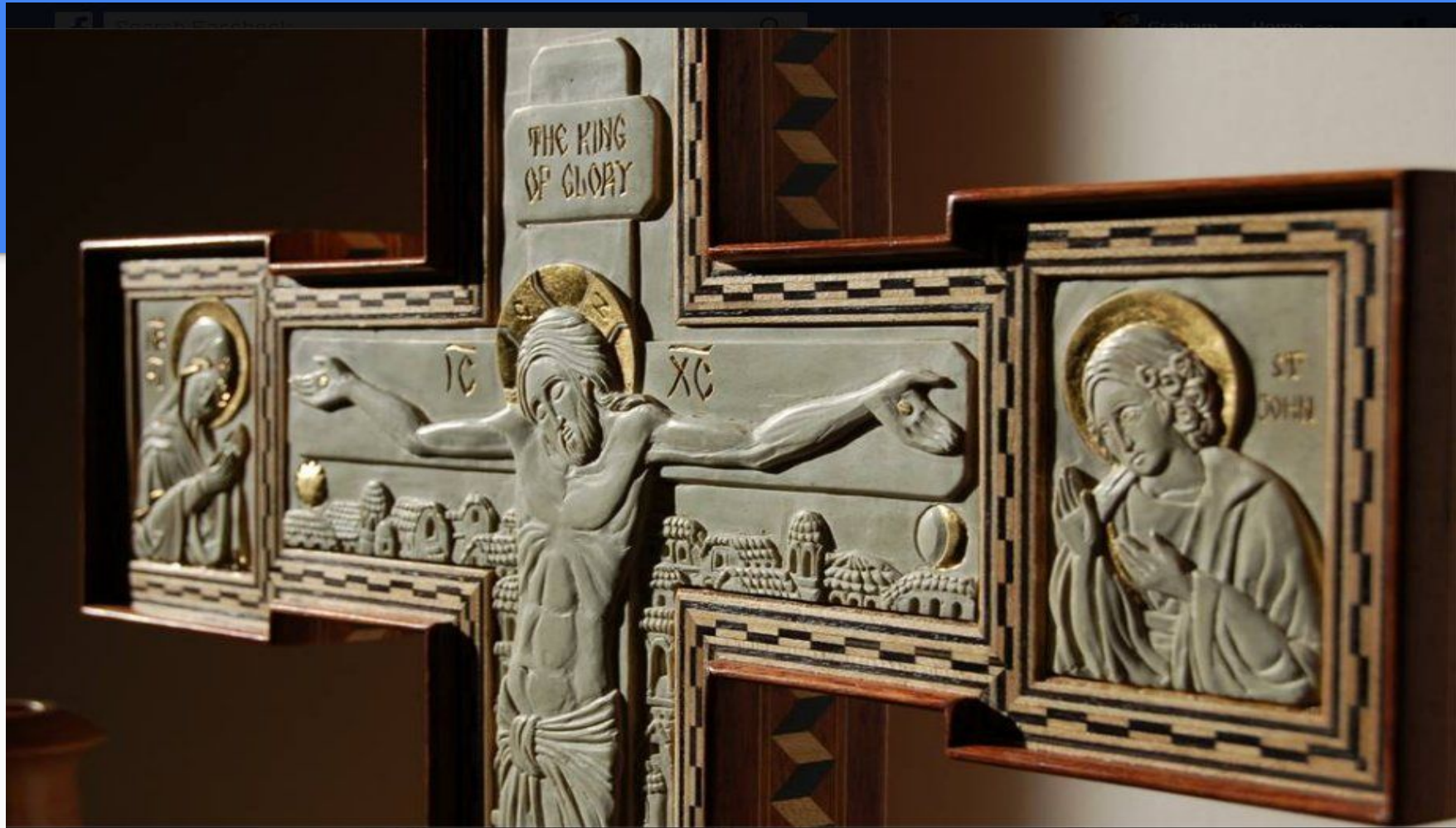
Earliest Baptismal Creed: “Jesus is Lord”

*Contemporary Baptism in the
Jordan River*



Another Christ: e.g., Mormonism





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Sources of Holy Tradition:

1. **Scripture** (the Bible)
2. **Liturgy** (The corporate Prayers of the People of God)
3. **Councils** (including both the creeds and the canons of the councils)
4. **Saints** (both their teachings and the various “Lives” that describe their journeys)
5. **Church Art** or (better yet!) **Liturgical Arts** (including icons, vestments, church architecture, and church music)



Vincentian Canon



Early Creeds: e.g., Apostles' Creed

- Quaest. XXIII.* DE SYMBOLO APOSTOLICO. 113
3. Qui conceptus est de Spiritu sancto, natus ex Maria virgine:
 4. Passus sub Pontio Pilato, crucifixus, mortuus, & sepultus:
 5. Tertia die resurrexit à mortuis:
 6. Ascendit ad cœlos, sedet ad dexteram Dei patris omnipotentis:
 7. Inde venturus est iudicatum viuos & mortuos:
 8. Credo in Spiritum sanctum:
 9. Credo sanctam Ecclesiam Catholicam, sancto-
rum communionem:

Creeds & Baptism



Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed (The Symbol of Faith)



... in One God...

...The God of Abraham, Isaac,
Jacob; Moses and David...



What is sin?

Ἄμαρτία (*Amartia*)

- Missing the mark
- Moving in the wrong direction
- Moving towards the wrong aim or goal
- “Off the tracks,” so to speak



3 Great Truths

All is Good

All is Fallen

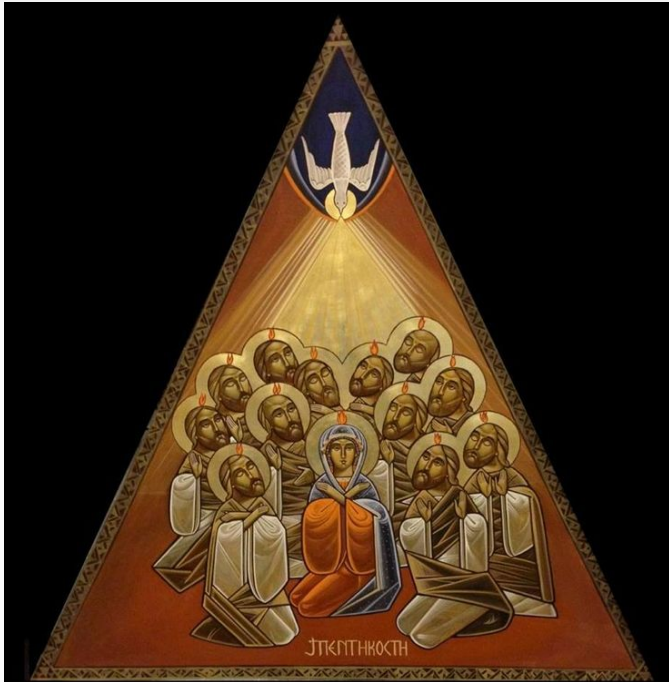
All can be Redeemed



...and in One Lord Jesus Christ...



...and in the Holy Spirit, the Lord...



...and in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church...



... the Resurrection of the Dead...

A Russian icon of the “Nicene Creed”



Next Week: The Sacraments & Life in Christ

“Being Conformed to the Image of God”

--Baptism, Eucharist, and the Sacraments

--Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Life in Community, and the Spiritual Disciplines

--The Cross of Christ as Basis for all Being