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## The Creed of Nicaea (325 AD)

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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 as only-begotten of the Father, that is of the substance (*ousia*) of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one substance (*homoousion*) with the Father, through whom all things came into existence, both things in heaven and things on earth;

who because of us men and because of our salvation came down, and was incarnate and became man, suffered and rose again on the third day and ascended into the heavens, and will come again to judge the living and the dead:

And in the Holy Spirit.

But those who say, “there was a time when he did not exist”, and “Before being begotten he did not exist”, and that he came into being from non-existence, or who allege that the Son of God is of another *hypostasis* or *ousia*, or is alterable or changeable, these the Catholic and Apostolic Church anathematizes.



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