

Councils

	The council of Nicea	The council of Constantinople	The council of Ephesus
Year	325 AD	381 AD	431 AD
Number of attendants	318 Bishops	150 Bishops	200 Bishops
Place	City of Nicea	City of Constantinople	City of Ephesus
Presiding emperor	Constantine the Great	Theodosius the Great	Theodosius the Young
Name of heretic	Arius, an Alexandrian priest	Macedonius, anointed Bishop of Constantinople	Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople
Important persons in the council	St. Athanasius the Apostle, a deacon at that time	Pope Theodosius of Alexandria. Abba Malathius of Antioch. St. Gregory The Enlightener, and St. Gregory of Nyssa.	St. Cyril the great (Pillar of faith), Pope of Alexandria
The heresy	The denial of Christ's divinity. "The Son (Word) is not One with the Father in essence."	"The Holy Spirit is not a person of the Holy Trinity, distinct from the Father or the Son, but a creature similar to angels."	Denied the union of humanity and divinity. "In Jesus Christ there are two persons or entities and two natures." Also refuted the title of the Holy Virgin Mary as the mother of God.
Most important laws issued by the council	The issuance of the Creed: "We believe in One God ... whose kingdom shall have no end".	The completion of the Creed of faith, by adding: "Yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit".	The term "Theotokos" – "The Mother of God" is adopted.