



THE THREE ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

	<i>Council of Nicea</i>	<i>Council of Constantinople</i>	<i>Council of Ephesus</i>
<i>Invited by:</i>	Emporer Constantine	Emporer Theodosius	Emporer Theodosius II
<i>Date:</i>	May, 325 A.D.	May, 381 A.D.	June, 431 A.D.
<i>Headed by:</i>	St. Alexander Pope of Alexandria	Abba Melatius who died before the council was over and was replaced by: St. Timothy Pope of Alexandria	St. Cyril Pope of Alexandria
<i>Heresy:</i>	The Arian Heresy: Denied the equality of Jesus Christ with the Father. Arius siad that Christ was "created".	The Mecedoniusian Heresy: Denied the Divinity of the Holy Spirit	The Nestorian Heresy: Claimed that Jesus Christ has two seperate natures. (Human and Divine) Also rejected the term "Theotokos"
<i>Major Results:</i>	1) Excommunication of Arius and his followers. 2) Establishmetn of the See of Constantinople. 3) Formation of the Nicean Creed, "We believe in One God.."	1) Excommunication of Mecedonius and his followers. 2) the completion of the Creed: "We believe in the Holy Spirit..."	1) Excommunication of Nestorius and his followers. 2) The term "Theotokos" (Mother of God) was found appropriate.