

ST. PAUL'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
CATECHISM CLASS WORKSHEET

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“Introducing The Orthodox Church”

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Chapter Two

What We Believe About the Nicene Creed

1. What does the word “Creed” mean?
2. Does everyone have a personal creed whether they know it or not?
3. What is the name of the Jewish creed associated with the Old Testament?
4. What is an example of an early Christian creed from the New Testament?
5. What are some other ways to describe how a creed functions?
6. Name two situations where having a creed proved useful to the early church?
7. Was the Apostles’ Creed written by the Apostles?
8. When was the Nicene Creed written?
9. Who wrote it?
10. Is it the expression of one person’s belief or that of a community’s?
11. Is that important? Why or why not?

12. Is the Nicene Creed an exhaustive description of the faith? Was it intended to be?
13. What are some examples of some modern creeds that are wrong?
14. What is the “filioque” clause?
15. What is so bad about how it was inserted by the Western Church?
16. Does the Orthodox Church hold the filioque to be true? Why or why not?
17. According to Augustine, how often should one keep the Creed in mind?
18. Why should one learn the Creed before the Lord’s Prayer?