

#	Council Name / Location	Dates	Teachers and Teachings Rejected	Orthodox Doctrines Decreed	# Attend	Influential Leaders
1	Nicea	325	Arians: Jesus was divine, but slightly inferior to the Father; Jesus was the first being created in time by God; slogan: "there was a time when he was not."	Jesus is divine, "of the same substance" (<i>homoousios</i>) as the Father, and was with the Father from the very first moment of creation. Sunday was fixed as the date for celebration of Easter. The "Nicene Creed" was written and adopted.	318	Emperor Constantine, Athanasius of Alexandria
2	Constantinople I	381	Apollinarians: divided human & divine parts of Jesus; Arianism also still prominent; and followers of Macedonius said the Holy Spirit was a divine messenger, but not fully God.	The teachings of Nicea were confirmed and expanded; the Holy Spirit is also fully divine; thus the Trinity has one divine "nature," but three distinct "persons."	~150	Emperor Theodosius, Pope Damasus, Cappadocian Fathers
3	Ephesus	431	Nestorians: Mary is the "Mother of Christ," but should not be called the "Mother of God," so that Jesus' humanity is not neglected.	Mary is traditionally and properly called the "Mother of God"; Jesus has both a divine and human nature, but united in his one person.	200+	Cyril of Alexandria
4	Chalcedon	451	Monophysites: Jesus was both human and divine, but he had only "one nature"; his divinity totally replaced his human nature.	The earthly Jesus was both fully human and fully divine; his two natures and two wills were perfectly united in his one person.	150+	Pope Leo the Great
5	Constantinople II	553	Various errors of Origen, Theodore, Theodore of Mopsuestia, and Ibas of Edessa.	The teachings of the first four Councils, esp. Chalcedon, are reconfirmed	~165	
6	Constantinople III	680-681	Monothelism: Christ has only one divine "will."	Christ has both a human and a divine will.	~175	
7	Nicea II	787	Iconoclasm: all images should be destroyed	The veneration of icons and images is permitted.	300+	St. John Damascene (added by Tom W.)