



Athanasius- the Saint of Stubbornness

What can we take away from Athanasius's example?

What aspects of orthodox Christianity are questioned & need to be defended today?

How do we defend these questions and challenges?

What are we willing to give up to defend the true faith?

Lessons from the Past - Week 5

Defending the Deity of Christ- Athanasius and Nicea

Review- Allegorical downfall

Exegesis vs. Eisegesis

Framework

The need for Creed(s)

Constantine

Arius starts the fire

Hetero-ousios

Homo-ousios

Homoi-ousios

The Council of Nicea

Biblical witness of Christ's Deity

The Nicene Creed (1)

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, the only begotten of His Father, of the substance of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made, both which are in heaven and in earth. Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate and was made man. He suffered death and on the third day he rose again, and ascended into heaven. He will come again to judge both the living and the dead. And We believe in the Holy Spirit.