

The Acclamation of the Seventh Ecumenical Council at Nicea (787 AD)

[the Synodikon presented here is in a common form: but, there are a few variations often used]

As the prophets beheld! As the apostles have taught! As the Church has received! As the teachers have declared! As the world has agreed! As grace has shown forth! As truth has been revealed! As falsehood has been dispelled! As wisdom has become manifest! As Christ awarded!

Thus we declare and affirm as we proclaim Christ our true God, and honor His saints in words, writings, thoughts, sacrifices, churches, and holy icons; on the one hand, worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord, and on the other hand, honoring the saints as true servants of the same Lord of all, and offering them proper veneration.

Believing in one God Who is celebrated in the Holy Trinity, we salute and venerate the honorable images of holy icons. Those who do not so hold, let them be anathema. Those who reject these truths, let them be separated from the Church. For we follow the most ancient tradition and rules of the universal Church. We keep the laws of the

Fathers. We denounce those who add anything to, or take anything away from, the One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. We honor the venerable images. We place under anathema those who do not do this. Anathema to them who presume to apply to the venerable images the things said in Holy Scripture about the veneration of idols! Anathema to those who refuse to venerate with proper reverence the holy images of our Lord and His blessed saints. Anathema to those who call the sacred images idols. Anathema to those who say that Christians resort to the sacred images as to gods. Anathema to those who say that any other delivered us from the idols except Christ our God. Anathema to those who dare to say that at any time the Holy Church received and worshiped idols.

So we all believe, and we are all of one mind, and we all have given our consent and have signed our names in agreement. This is the Faith of the Apostles! This is the Faith of the Fathers! This is the Faith of the Orthodox! This is the Faith that has established the universe!