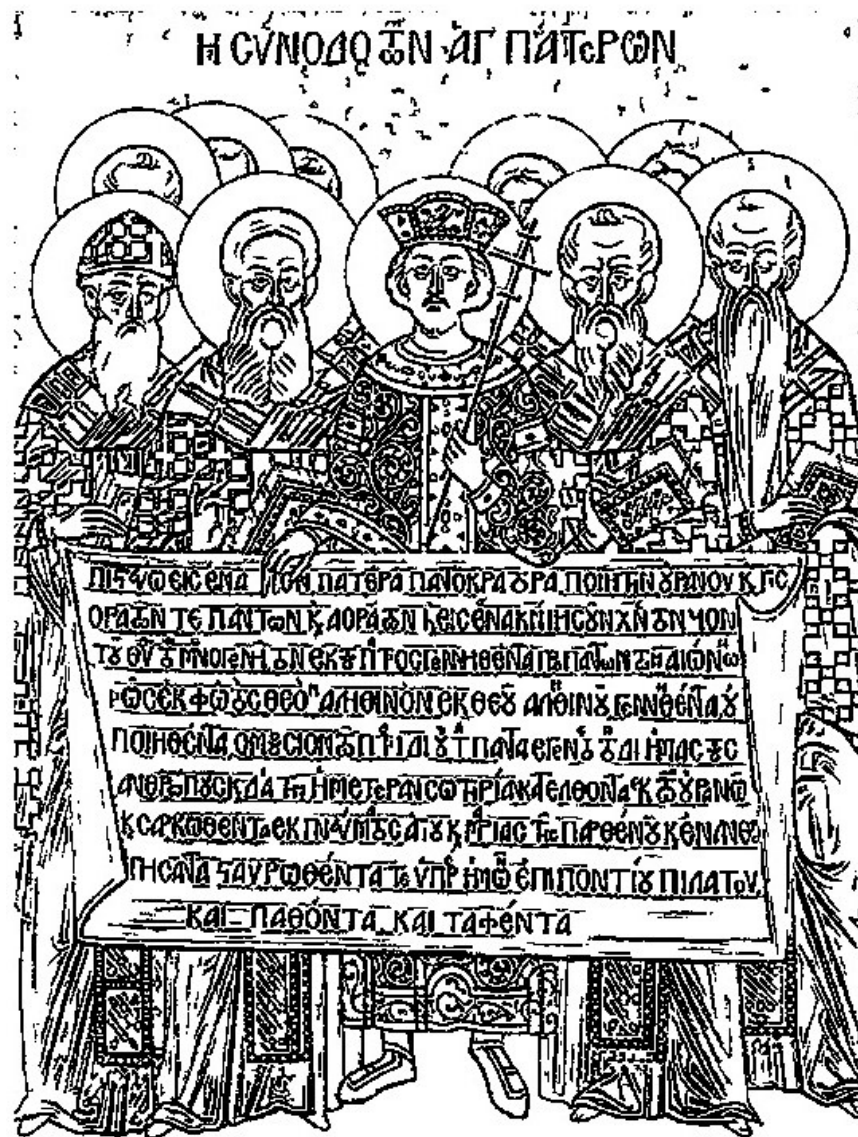


## The first council



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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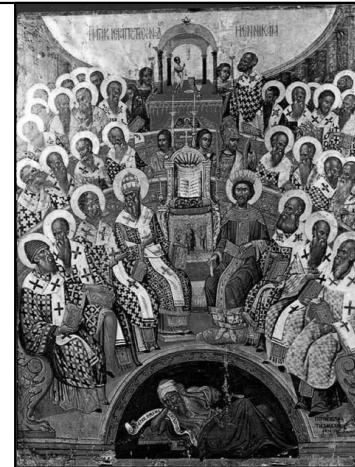
## The Church is One!

**Have you ever tried to make a big decision all by yourself?** Even little choices can be hard to make when you make them alone! Lots of times, it helps to make a decision with other people. You might know one thing, but your friends or family probably know other things. When you talk about them, you can agree together.

Today in our Church we remember the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. (That's the Church's first big meeting). They met *together* because they had to make big decisions. They knew it was better to agree on them together.

In the Gospel today, we hear the prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ prayed before He was about to be arrested and before He would die on the Cross. He prayed to God the Father, "Holy Father, keep them in your name...that they may be one, even as we are one." Our Lord wanted His disciples to be *one*. That means they would agree on things together. They would have the same faith.

Did you know that after Jesus rose from the dead, His disciples had a meeting too? We can read about it in the Bible. We can read how they talked together, and made a decision together. They knew the Church is one!



The Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

# WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Amathus
- Christ is risen
- Church
- Council
- Cyprus
- Ecumenical
- Fathers
- Paschal Season
- Tychon

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# WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Did you know it was Saint Constantine who called the big meeting we remember in our Church today?

He was an Emperor, but he cared so much for the Christian Church.

Can you remember to pray for our leaders? Can you pray that they will love the Christian Church too?



# SAINT TYCHON OF AMATHUS

## GIVE BACK TO GOD

**Have you ever done something** behind your parents' backs, when they weren't looking? Did you stick your finger in the sugar bowl or steal a cookie?

Saint Tychon did something secret when his father wasn't looking. His father was a baker, and whenever he left the shop, Tychon would give some bread out to the poor. Sure enough, young Tychon got caught one time, and his father was really mad! But the boy explained to his father that whatever we give, God will give back a hundred times that!



Then God sent a miracle to show the father. When the father saw where the flour was supposed to be, he found the bins all filled up (when they had been empty)!

Tychon was a strong and faithful Christian all his life, and when he grew up, he became the bishop of Amathus, on the island of Cyprus. He was good to the poor when he was grown up too, and he helped them in many ways.

We can read about a lot of other miracles about Tychon. Once, he planted some dead grape vines, and they grew and grew. He used the grapes to make the wine for Holy Communion for many years. Let's learn and follow the strong faith of Saint Tychon!

**We celebrate the nameday of St. Tychon today, Sunday, June 16th.**