



I BELIEVE

Lesson 1: One God

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In this program, we will look at the Nicene Creed, which we proclaim at every Divine Liturgy. If we profess this statement of faith, we must be bold enough to learn what it is we are proclaiming! Some of the information you will hear in this lesson and in the rest of the series may be familiar to you, while other lessons will help enlighten you to the beauty of the Byzantine Catholic faith proclaimed through this ancient creed.

Our faith cannot be separated from the Divine Liturgy of the Church, as the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life.”¹ The Ukrainian Catholic Church’s Catechism says:

This faith, formulated by the Church in the Nicene Creed, also known as the Niceno-Constantinopolitan *Symbol of Faith*, is expressed in her liturgical prayer. Through this liturgical prayer we become partakers of Christ’s Passover—partakers of *new life* in Christ. In this new life, we grow by means of spiritual work and moral effort.²

Keeping the faith practiced through liturgy in mind, we begin our series on the Nicene Creed with a teaching and discussion on our belief in **ONE GOD...**

Questions for discussion and prayer:

1. God has made covenants with His people throughout history (Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, etc.) What other covenants has God made?

¹ *Lumen Gentium*: “Dogmatic constitution on the Church: Lumen Gentium, Solemnly Promulgated by His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, on November 21, 1964,” 11

² *Christ-Our Pacha*, Synod of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, 2016, 1

