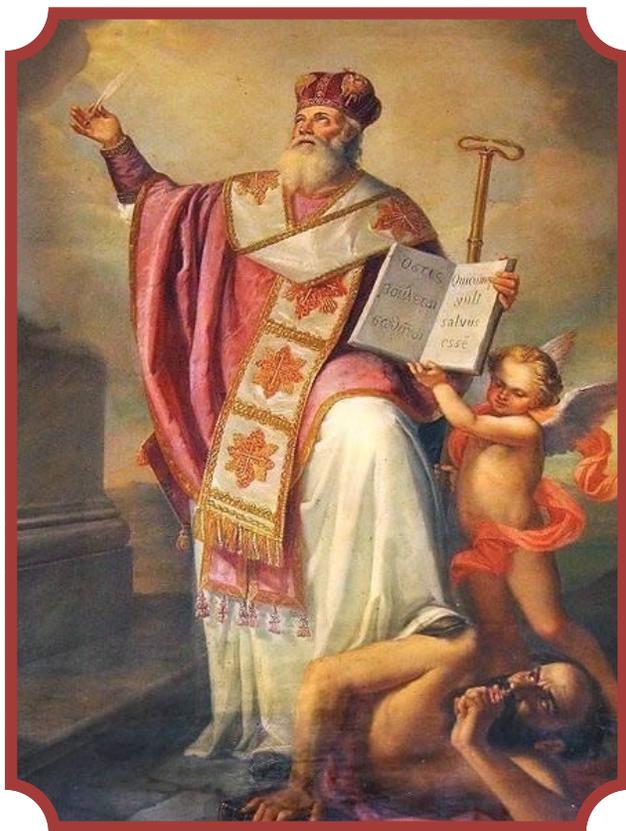


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— *Saint Athanasius of
Alexandria (†373)*



Whosoever will be saved,
before all things
it is necessary that he hold
the Catholic Faith.
Which Faith except everyone
do keep whole and undefiled,
without doubt he shall
perish everlastingly.
And the Catholic Faith is this,
that we worship one God in
Trinity and Trinity in Unity.
Neither confounding
the Persons,
nor dividing the Substance.

For there is
one Person of the Father,
another of the Son,
and another of the Holy Ghost.
But the Godhead of the Father,
of the Son
and of the Holy Ghost
is all One,
the Glory Equal,
the Majesty Co-Eternal.
Such as the Father is,
such is the Son,
and such is the Holy Ghost.
The Father Uncreate,
the Son Uncreate,
and the Holy Ghost Uncreate.
The Father Incomprehensible,
the Son Incomprehensible,

and the Holy Ghost
Incomprehensible.
The Father Eternal,
the Son Eternal,
and the Holy Ghost Eternal
and yet they are
not Three Eternals
but One Eternal.
As also there are
not Three Uncreated,
nor Three Incomprehensibles,
but One Uncreated,
and One Incomprehensible.
So likewise
the Father is Almighty,
the Son Almighty,
and the Holy Ghost Almighty.
And yet they are
not Three Almightyes
but One Almighty.
So the Father is God,
the Son is God,
and the Holy Ghost is God.
And yet they are
not Three Gods,
but One God.
So likewise the Father is Lord,
the Son Lord,
and the Holy Ghost Lord.
And yet not Three Lords
but One Lord.

For, like as we are compelled
by the Christian verity
to acknowledge every Person
by Himself to be God and Lord,
so are we forbidden
by the Catholic Religion
to say, there be Three Gods
or Three Lords.

The Father is made of none,
neither created, nor begotten.
The Son is of the Father alone;
not made, nor created,
but begotten.
The Holy Ghost is of the Father,
and of the Son
neither made,
nor created,
nor begotten,
but proceeding.
So there is One Father,
not Three Fathers;
one Son, not Three Sons;
One Holy Ghost,
not Three Holy Ghosts.
And in this Trinity
none is afore
or after Other,
None is greater
or less than Another,
but the whole Three Persons
are Co-eternal together,
and Co-equal.

So that in all things, as is
aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity,
and the Trinity in Unity,
is to be worshipped.
He therefore that will be saved,
must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary
to everlasting Salvation,
that he also believe rightly
the Incarnation of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
For the right Faith is,
that we believe and confess,
that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God,
is God and Man.
God, of the substance of the
Father, begotten before the
worlds; and Man,
of the substance of His mother,
born into the world.
Perfect God and Perfect Man,
of a reasonable Soul
and human Flesh subsisting.
Equal to the Father
as touching His Godhead,
and inferior to the Father
as touching His Manhood.
Who, although He be
God and Man,
yet He is not two,
but One Christ.

One, not by conversion of
the Godhead into Flesh,
but by taking of the Manhood
into God. One altogether,
not by confusion of substance,
but by Unity of Person.
For as the reasonable soul and
flesh is one Man,
so God and Man is one Christ.
Who suffered for our salvation,
descended into Hell,
rose again the third day
from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven,
He sitteth on the right hand
of the Father, God Almighty,
from whence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming
all men shall rise again
with their bodies,
and shall give account
for their own works.
And they that have done good
shall go into life everlasting,
and they that have done evil
into everlasting fire.
This is the Catholic Faith,
which except a man believe
faithfully and firmly,
he cannot be saved.