The First Seven Ecumenical Councils

- Defined the coequality of the Father and the Son
- Defined the equality of the Holy Spirit with the Father and the Son
- Defined Jesus as having two complete natures, human and divine
- Confirmed that icons are a valid medium for faith
- Reconfirmed the definitions of the Trinity and Christ
- Defined Mary as Theotokos or "God-bearer;" Jesus was born human and divine
- Clarified that Christ, as human, had a human will

**Timeline:**
- Nicaea I (325)
- Constantinople I (381)
- Ephesus (431)
- Chalcedon (451)
- Constantinople II (553)
- Constantinople III (680-81)
- Nicaea II (787)

Come now, let us reason together. (Isaiah 1:18)