

SAINT JOSEPH MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

These seven ecumenical councils are:

Council	Date	Convoked by	President	Attendance (approx.)	Topics
<a href="#"><u>First Council of Nicaea</u></a>	325 (May 20-June 19)	<a href="#"><u>Emperor Constantine I</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Hosius of Corduba</u></a> (and <a href="#"><u>Emperor Constantine</u></a> )	318	<a href="#"><u>Arianism</u></a> , the nature of Christ, celebration of Passover ( <a href="#"><u>Easter</u></a> ), <a href="#"><u>ordination</u></a> of eunuchs, prohibition of kneeling on Sundays and from Easter to Pentecost, validity of <a href="#"><u>baptism</u></a> by heretics, lapsed Christians, sundry other matters.
<a href="#"><u>First Council of Constantinople</u></a>	381 (May-July)	Emperor <a href="#"><u>Theodosius I</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Timothy of Alexandria</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Meletius of Antioch</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Gregory Nazianzus</u></a> , and <a href="#"><u>Nectarius of Constantinople</u></a>	150	<a href="#"><u>Arianism</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Apollinarism</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Sabellianism</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Holy Spirit</u></a> , successor to Meletius
<a href="#"><u>Council of Ephesus</u></a>	431 (June 22-July 31)	Emperor <a href="#"><u>Theodosius II</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Cyril of Alexandria</u></a>	200–250	<a href="#"><u>Nestorianism</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Theotokos</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Pelagianism</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Council of Chalcedon</u></a>	451 (October 8-November 1)	Emperor <a href="#"><u>Marcian</u></a>	A board of government officials and senators, led by the patrician <a href="#"><u>Anatolius</u></a>	520	The judgments issued at the <a href="#"><u>Second Council of Ephesus</u></a> in 449, the alleged offences of Bishop Dioscorus of Alexandria, the definition of the Godhead and manhood of Christ, many disputes involving particular bishops and sees.
<a href="#"><u>Second Council of Constantinople</u></a>	553 (May 5-June 2)	Emperor <a href="#"><u>Justinian I</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Eutychius of Constantinople</u></a>	152	<a href="#"><u>Nestorianism</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Origenism</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Third Council of Constantinople</u></a>	680-681 (November 7-September 16)	Emperor <a href="#"><u>Constantine IV</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Patriarch George I of Constantinople</u></a>	300	<a href="#"><u>Monothelism</u></a> , the human and divine wills of Jesus
<a href="#"><u>Second Council of Nicaea</u></a>	787 (September 24-October	<a href="#"><u>Constantine VI</u></a> and Empress	<a href="#"><u>Patriarch Tarasios of Constantinople</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>legates of Pope</u></a>	350	<a href="#"><u>Iconoclasm</u></a>

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	23)	<a href="#"><u>Irene</u></a> (as <a href="#"><u>regent</u></a> )	<a href="#"><u>Adrian I</u></a>		

However, not all of these councils have been universally recognised as [ecumenical](#). As indicated above, the Church of the East accepts only the first two, and Oriental Orthodoxy only three. [Nontrinitarians](#), such as [Oneness Pentecostals](#), [Unitarians](#), [The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](#), [Quakers](#), [Christadelphians](#) and [Jehovah's Witnesses](#), reject the teachings of all seven.