

TRUNK OF SCROLLS TIMELINE OF EARLY CHURCH AND BYZANTINE HISTORY

*If you want to understand
the intricate problems of the Church today,
you must study the Byzantine times.*

When St. John the Beloved, the last of the apostles, died in Ephesus in AD 90, the Church of Christ continued to be led by godly men who earnestly sought to follow Scripture. Amidst a pagan world set on ridding itself of the non-conforming Christians, Church bishops like Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch and Polycarp of Smyrna showed the early Church by sermon and lifestyle, how to bravely live and die for Christ.

With the spread of the Church came the influx of false teaching. After the legalization of Christianity in AD 312, whenever doctrinal tension in the Church threatened the empire's stability, emperors such as Constantine, Theodosius, Marcian, and Justinian would call for the convening of bishops for a council.

Duly-ordained Church bishops of all large cities and towns, would gather together and compare the conflicting ideas with Scripture. These Church councils identified in concise creed and confession the standard, orthodox teaching of Scripture. Always back to Scripture.

The more you study the early Church councils, the more you will recognize the same heresies today, in the 21st century. It does matter what you believe. As Lady Sophia said, "It matters more than anything.... Your belief on Chalcedon identifies the very God you worship."

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FACTUAL DATE AD FICTIONAL

St. John the Beloved, in Ephesus	10-90	
Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna	69-155	
Widespread persecutions and martyrdoms of Christians	33-312+	
Macrina the Elder	270-c340	
Euphemia martyred	303	
Edict of Milan	312	
Constantine the Great legalizes Christianity		
Basil and Emmilia of Caesarea	315-375	
First Council of Nicaea	325	
<i>Nicene creed (relationship between God the father and God the son). The Council met to combat the heresy of Arianism which denied the divinity of Christ.</i>		
Macrina, Basil, Gregory, Naucratius, Peter	c330- July 19, 379	Isodorus born, brother to Basil & Gregory
Codex Vaticanus & Codex Sinaiticus written (Alexandria/Rome) <i>The Pope had a full copy of Scripture. Alexandria had a full copy of Scripture</i>	c325-360	
Three Cappadocians: St Basil, St Gregory of Nazianzus & St Gregory of Nyssa lived /worked	329-394	Basil and Gregory collect Scrolls in Trunk.
		<i>Personal copies of parchments & scrolls selected, added to Trunk as monks under St. Gregory's watch copied the Scrolls. He said, "Scripture belongs to the people, for the 'Word of God took human form.'"</i>
Constantine Commissions 50 Bibles	331	
<i>Asked for Eusebius to make 50 copies "of the sacred scriptures which you know to be especially necessary for the restoration and use in the instruction of the church."</i>		
John "Gold-tongue" Chrysostom	347-407	
	360	Arite's Grandmother born
First Council of Constantinople	381	
<i>This council formed a creed that expresses the truth of Scripture regarding the doctrine of the Trinity. Various errors with respect to the Trinity occasioned the meeting of this council. The confession of Nicea was enlarged to also include the Holy Spirit.</i>		
	382	Marcus born (father Isodorus)
Synod of Hippo <i>identification of formal Canonical books</i>	393	Trunk passed from St. Gregory to Isodorus
	400	Arite's Mother born

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	418	Twins Mary and Elizabeth are born (father Marcus)
	425	Trunk passed from Isodorus to Marcus
Council of Ephesus	431	
<i>The Council of Ephesus condemned two heresies: Nestorianism, which taught that God merely lived in Christ, and Pelagianism, which taught that the sin of Adam was not passed on to the human race.</i>		
	432	Trunk passed from Marcus to Elizabeth
	438	Ioseph born (mother Elizabeth)
	439	Arité Born
Council of Chalcedon	451	
<i>The Council of Chalcedon established confessionally the truths of the unity of God and the distinction of both the human and divine natures of Christ. It condemned three heresies: Monophysitism, which denied the dual nature of Christ, Apollinarianism, which denied the completeness of the nature of Christ, and Nestorianism, which denied the unity of the divine nature of Christ.</i>		
	472	Helena born (mother Mary)
	479	Gaius Justus born
	485	Gaius Dorotheus born
	493	Aemelia born (mother Helena)
	495	Sophia born (father Ioseph)
	497	Ioseph & wife die. Helena adopts Sophia
	500	Trunk passed from Elizabeth to Sophia
Hypatius Lived	c460-532	
Flavius Belisarius lived	505-565	
John of Ephesus lived	c507-c588	
Antioch Pogrom of Jews in Daphne by Porphyrius the Charioteer	507	
	Nov 18, 510	Marcellus born
	Mar 3, 514	Byziana born
	Dec 13, 516	Justin born
Reign of Justin I	518-527	
	June 20, 519	Katerina born
Epiphanius serves as Antioch Patriarch	520-535	
Simeon the Stylite lived	521-May 24 597	

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	July 1, 522	Natalia born
Great Fire of Antioch	525	
Antioch Earthquake	May 20, 526	
Glowing cross observed in sky	May 23, 526	Trunk passed from Sophia to Byziana
Theodoric's death	526	
Simeon, at 5 years of age, goes onto pillar at Monastery of the Admirable Mountains in Antioch	526	
Reign of Justinian I	Aug 527-565	
Second earthquake in Antioch	Nov 28, 528	
	Nov 29, 528	The Family departs Antioch
	Mar 529	Justin and Marcellus kidnapped
Justinian closes School of Athens for teaching pagan thought	June 529	
Battle of Dara <i>Belisarius victorious against Persians</i>	April 530	
Battle of Callinicum <i>Belisarius defeated against Persians</i>	April 531	
	Oct 531	Justin and Marcellus released
John of Ephesus begins work to destroy by force the "wicked heathenish error" in Anatolia	529-535	
Nika Revolt	Jan 532	
Death of Hypatius	Jan 532	
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