

The Creed of the Council of Nicaea (325)

We believe in one God,
Father all-sovereign,
maker of all things seen and unseen;
and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
begotten from the Father as only begotten,
that is, from the substance (ousia) of the Father,
God from God,
true light from true light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made,
of the same substance (homoousios) with (or as) the Father,
through whom all things came into existence,
the things in heaven and the things on earth,
who because of men and our salvation came down and was incarnate,
made man,
suffered and arose on the third day,
ascended into heaven,
comes to judge the living and the dead;
and in one Holy Spirit.

And those who say "there was once when he was not" or "he was not before he was begotten" or he came into existence from nothing" or who affirm that the Son of God is of another hypostasis or ousia, of a creature, or mutable or subject to change, such ones the catholic and apostolic church pronounces accursed and separated from the church.