

The Arian Controversy – Nicaea & Its Aftermath

Arius & His Supporters

- Arius (d. 336)
- The “Sylloukianists”
 - Theodore of Marmarica
 - Secundus of Ptolemais
- Eusebius of Nicomedia (d. 341)

“Middle” (Origenist) Party

- “moderate subordinationists”
- (Scriptural) conservatives
- Eusebius of Caesarea (d. 342)

Original Opponents of Arius

- Alexander (d. 328)
- Hosius of Cordoba (d. 359)

Suspected “Modalists”

- Eustathius of Antioch (d. 337)
- Marcellus of Ancyra (d. 374)

Creed of Nicaea (325)

* Son is *homoousios*
 (“of the same essence”) with the Father

“Eusebians”

- the majority of eastern bishops who enjoyed the sympathies of Constantius
- * emphasis given to three *hypotheses*
- + two Creeds of Antioch (341)
- + Philippopolis (343)
- Ursacius of Singidunum (d. 346)
- Valens of Mursa
- + “Long-lined Creed” (345)
- + Arles (353)
- + Milan (355)

“Nicene Party”

- Athanasius (d. 373)
- + Sardica (343)
- (in West)
- Lucifer of Cagliari (d. ca. 370)
- Hilary of Poitiers (d. ca. 367)
- Liberius of Rome (d. 366)
- Paulinus of Trier (d. 358)
- Eusebius of Vercelli (d. 371)

+ Second Creed of Sirmium (357)

Homoians

- “The Imperial Party”
- * Son is *homoios* (“like”) the Father (rejects use of *ousia*)
- Eudoxius of Antioch (d. 370)
- Acacius of Caesarea (d. 366)
- + Fourth Creed of Sirmium/ “Dated Creed” (359)
- + Rimini (W)/Seleucia (E) (359)
- + Constantinople (360)

Homoiousians

- “Eastern Majority” opposed to extremes of “Anomoians”
- * Son is *homoiousios* (“like in essence”) with the Father
- Basil of Ancyra (d. 364)
- + Ancyra (358)
- Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386)

• Meletius of Antioch (d. 381)

- Paulinus II (Antioch) (d.388)
- Photinus of Sirmium (d. 376)

+ Alexandria (362)

Neo-Nicenes

- Basil of Caesarea (d. 379)
- Gregory of Nazianzus (d. ca. 390)
- Gregory of Nyssa (d. ca. 395)

Anomoians/Eunomians

- “Neo-Arianism”
- * Son is *anomoios* (“not like”) the Father, totally different
- Aetius (d. 366)
- Eunomius (d. ca. 394)

KEY:

- key individual(s)
- description
- * point of emphasis
- + synod/creed