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A T H A N A S I A N   C R E E D

Whosoever will be saved, \*  
before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.  
Which Faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, \*  
without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.  
And the Catholic Faith is this: \*  
That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity,  
Neither confounding the Persons, \*  
nor dividing the Substance.  
For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, \*  
and another of the Holy Ghost.  
But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son,  
and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, \*  
the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.  
Such as the Father is, such is the Son, \*  
and such is the Holy Ghost.  
The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, \*  
and the Holy Ghost uncreate.  
The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, \*  
and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.  
The Father eternal, the Son eternal, \*  
and the Holy Ghost eternal.  
And yet they are not three eternals, \*  
but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated,\*  
but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.  
So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty,\*  
and the Holy Ghost Almighty.  
And yet they are not three Almighties,\*  
but one Almighty.  
So the Father is God, the Son is God,\*  
and the Holy Ghost is God.  
And yet they are not three Gods,\*  
but one God.  
So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord,\*  
and the Holy Ghost Lord.  
And yet not three Lords,\*  
but one Lord.  
For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity\*  
to acknowledge every Person by himself to be both God and Lord,  
So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion,\*  
to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.  
The Father is made of none,\*  
neither created, nor begotten.  
The Son is of the Father alone,\*  
not made, nor created, but begotten.  
The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son,\*  
neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.  
So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;\*  
one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.  
And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other;\*  
none is greater, or less than another;  
But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together\*  
and co-equal.  
So that in all things, as is aforesaid,\*  
the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

He therefore that will be saved \*  
must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation \*  
that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess, \*  
that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;  
God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; \*  
and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;  
Perfect God and perfect Man, \*  
of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;  
Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; \*  
and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who, although he be God and Man, \*  
yet he is not two, but one Christ;  
One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, \*  
but by taking of the Manhood into God;  
One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, \*  
but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, \*  
so God and Man is one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, \*  
descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the  
Father, God Almighty, \*  
from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies \*  
and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; \*  
and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic Faith, \*  
which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.