

3. WE TURN TO JESUS CHRIST

In our last lesson, we said that at your baptism you rejected Satan and all that is evil. In order to be strong enough to stay away from evil, you must have help, and so you turned to Jesus Christ for His strength and help.

At your baptism, your godparents and the whole Church knew you would need help in your fight against evil. They turned you around to face the Altar, the place of God and His Kingdom. Then they made a pledge



I believe . . .

for you that you would always be a good member, a citizen, of God's Kingdom of Heaven.

In a way, they and you made a **pledge of allegiance** to God. We recite this pledge to God everytime we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. It is called the **Symbol of Our Faith: The Creed**. It is the sign of our faith in God and loyalty to Him, much like our pledge to the flag is the sign of our loyalty to our country. But this pledge of our faith in God is a far greater pledge than one to any country.

Find the important ideas in our profession of Faith and underline them with different colored pencils. Look for the lines which say we believe in_____

1. God the Father Who created us.
2. God the Son Who became man.
3. Jesus' resurrection from the dead.
4. The last judgment.
5. God the Holy Spirit Who gives us life.
6. The Church.
7. The Sacraments.
8. Our own resurrection and new life.

After reciting the Creed, your sponsors said again that you wished to be united to Jesus Christ. They even bowed down before God to show that you would always be ready to serve Him.

Now that you had rejected Satan and pledged yourself to Jesus Christ, you were ready to be baptized, and the priest prayed for you saying,

*"O Master, Lord our God,
Call Thy servant _____*

(name)

*Grant to him the great Grace of Thy Holy
Baptism
Put off from him the old man
And renew him unto Life Everlasting
That he may be a child of Thy Kingdom."*

The Symbol of Faith

I believe

*in one God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

*the Son of God, the only-begotten,
begotten of the Father before all ages.
Light of Light; true God of true God;
begotten, not made;
of one Essence with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us men, and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit, and
the Virgin Mary, and became man.
And He was crucified for us under Pontius
Pilate, and suffered, and was buried,
And the third day He rose again,
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sits at the
right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory to judge
the living and the dead;
whose Kingdom shall have no end.*

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life,

*who proceeds from the Father;
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.*

In One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

*I acknowledge one baptism for the remission
of sins.*

*I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen.