

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF OUR FAITH



What is our story?

Crisis #1: Arianism and Formation of Central Christian Creeds

What was at stake? Truth

Main Characters? Arius, Athanasius, Emperor Constantine

How will the Church ever survive? Affirming essential doctrine

“Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.” ([Jude 3](#))

Crisis #2: Reformation and Persecution of Reformed English Church

What was at stake? Corruption of the Church

Main Characters? Martin Luther, Thomas Cranmer, Queen Mary Tudor

How will the Church ever survive? A return to Biblical authority, the bold witness of martyrs

“Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.” ([Matthew 10:17-20](#))

Crisis #3: Founding of the Diocese of Florida

What was at stake? Growth and establishment of Church in a swampy wilderness

Main Characters? Bishops Rutledge, Young and Weed

How will the Church ever survive? Discernment, flexibility, perseverance

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” ([Matthew 9:37-38](#))



Martin Luther nails theses/Start of Reformation

Thomas Cranmer compiles first English Book of Common Prayer

Death of Jesus/Day of Pentecost/Birth of Church

33 AD

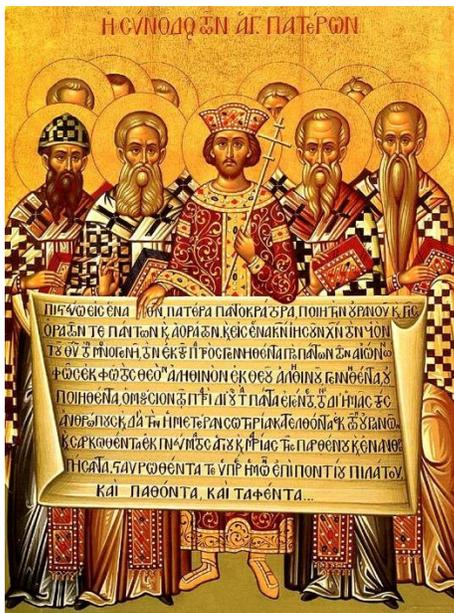
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Council of Nicaea

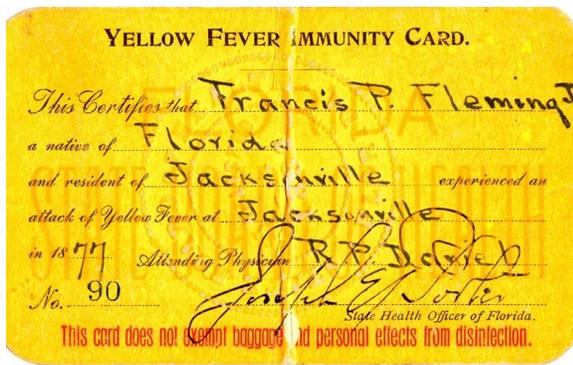
Council of Constantinople/Completion of Nicene Creed

Cranmer burns at stake under Queen Mary Tudor





Samuel Seabury, first American bishop, consecrated



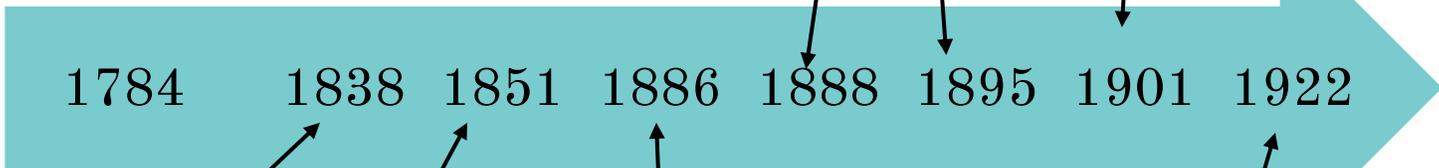
Yellow fever strikes Jacksonville



Fire destroys St. John's/ other Jacksonville churches



Great freeze kills Florida citrus crop



7 parishes organize into Diocese of Florida



Francis Rutledge consecrated as first Bishop of Florida

Edwin Weed consecrated as third Bishop of Florida



St. Mark's organized as parish, Douglas Leatherbury first rector

