

# GOD THE FATHER THE PANTOCRATOR

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The Creed speaks about each Person (hypostasis) of the Holy Trinity separately, starting with the Father.

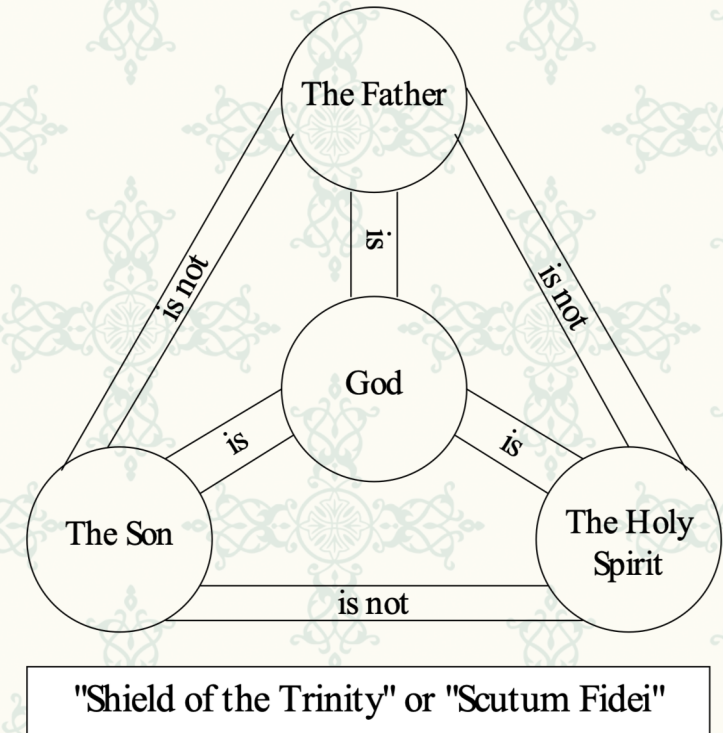
In the Bible the term “God” with very few exceptions is used primarily as a name for the Father.

*No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. (John 1:18, NKJV)*

*Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me (Isaiah 1:2)*

*But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand. (Isaiah 64:8)*

*So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven  
(Luke 11:2)*



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*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (Gal 4:4-7)*

we may dare with boldness, without fear, to pray to You, O God, the Holy Father who is in the heavens, and say: Our Father (Fraction of St Basil Liturgy)



# THE PANTOCRATOR (ALMIGHTY)

He governs all the creation, nothing is out of His control and dispensation. All the creation includes the heavenly and the earthly creation whether the rational or the irrational; all are under His control. The creation includes also the angels and the devils.

*Righteous are You, O LORD, when I plead with You; Yet let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously? (Jeremiah 12:1)*

*Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." (Judges 6:13)*