

Council of Alexandria to exert a great influence on the orthodox people throughout the Christian world and to clarify the terminology in such a way that it prevented a great deal of unnecessary disturbance. Athanasias we notice, holding this council at Alexandria in 362 and Julian was greatly disgusted because he had thought that letting the Bishops come back would cause problems and make it easier to destroy the Christian faith and here he found Athanasias was really strengthening the whole cause of Christianity. Then he heard that a number of leading pagans of wealth in Egypt had become Christians and been publicly baptised by Athanasias, Julian said "the detestable Athanasias can no longer be allowed to continue" and he sent his officer word that Athanasias was to be removed from Alexandria and they seized him and took him on a boat in the Nile and he caught on to the fact that they were assassins ready to kill him and dived into the water and disappeared into the desert. There he hid for a few months ~~with~~ He said when he saw these things happening "this is a cloud which will not last long " His idea was correct in this case. Julian died and immediately Athanasias came back and though he came back to Alexandria ~~and~~ in 363, he was received by the Emperor Jovian who showed great respect for Athanasias and he continued there until 367 when Valens having been Emperor three years and deciding he must do something to stop the increase in the strength of the supporters of the Nicene creed, Valens made an eddict that all bishops who had been ^{exiled} ~~picked~~ by Constantius and restored to their positions or homes by Julian, must ~~have been~~ go into exile. So this general edict was issued by Valens, the soldiers came, Athanasias hearing of their coming, fled and spent several months hiding in the tomb of his father. There he spent several months in his fifth exile. But the people of Alexandria rose and unanimously came against this and said Athanasias does not come under this edict. They said this was an ordinance which Athanasias does not come under. They said the bishops restored by Julian were against sent into exile but Julian never restored Athanasias. Athanasias simply came back when Julian became emperor. He didn't report. In fact Julian sent him into exile again so you couldn't say he was one Julian had restored.