

Basil any more, but most of the Nicene bishops had been exiled during his reign and were bothered with persecution but Basil was able to stand to him in such a way as to gain his respect and it stopped him from doing anything against him. Now the study of Basil's many writings and of his activities, most of them were of a temporary nature dealing with immediate problems and situations. These would make a very interesting study with the life and problems of a very able man, in a great crisis period of the world's history. But there isn't much beyond what I said which is important for us to know in detail. We should remember his name and the importance he had at this time. So he died in 379 before the end of Arianism, 6 years after Athanasias. Now we go on to look at his brother.

b. Gregory - Now usually you will find the Capadotian Fathers named with this man 3rd but today I am going to name him 2nd. The reason for that is that it is a little easier for you to get the situation in mind if we mention his brother next instead of 3rd. Gregory of Nyss ----- was the brother of Basil. He is the least well known of the Capadotian Fathers. There was less that was dramatic than the other two but he was perhaps the deepest thinker. He was a man of great intellect and ability of expression and he delved into very deep and very strong philosophic problems. His writings ~~probis~~ probably did not have as wide an influence as the other two but there was a deeper influence than either of the others. So Gregory ^{of} Nyssa is a great philosophical and theological writer whose activities contributed greatly to the downfall of Arianism. He lived a long life, until 395 but his greatest activity was this in relation to Arianism. Now we go on to the 3rd who is usually mentioned 2nd. I believe it is a little simpler for you this way.

Gregory of Nazianzus - This is a man whose name is bracketed with Basil's than by his own brother, because Gregory of Nazianzus was Basil's close friend and these two had studied together, worked together, were very actively engaged together in the work of Christianity. Basil was a great administrator, Gregory of Nyssa, a great thinker and Gregory of Nazianzus was a great preacher and orator.