



SESSION 19: ICONOCLASM & THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL – QUESTIONS

1. Why do we have and venerate icons?

2. What is iconoclasm and what did it include?

3. What is Byzantine Rite?

4. What does 'Rhinomatos' mean?

5. Leo the Isaurian and son Constantine V unified a much smaller Byzantine Empire. What areas, formerly included, were not in it? Why not?

6. Who called the 7th Ecumenical Council and what was its decision?

7. To whom were iconoclastic persecutions especially directed and why?

8. Why do you believe Leo the Isaurian and successive emperors promoted iconoclasm?

9. What happened to Saint John of Damascus for his stand against iconoclasm?

10. Why did the 7th Ecumenical Council not resolve iconoclasm?

11. When and where was the first feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy? How will you remember it in this coming Lent?