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Abbreviations

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In the footnotes, whenever possible I have edited all contributions to follow generally the orthographic and abbreviation conventions (with modifications) of Lampe 1961 for Greek authors and titles of primary sources and Blaise and Chirat 1954 for Latin authors and sources. For ancient authors not in Lampe, I have adopted those of Liddell and Scott 1996 and Glare 1968.

Ambrose of Milan	Ambr.
<i>Epistulae</i>	<i>Ep.</i>
Apollinarius of Laodicea	Apoll.
<i>De fide et incarnatione</i>	<i>De fid. inc.</i>
<i>De unione corporis et divinitatis Christi</i>	<i>De unione</i>
<i>Kata Meros Pistis</i>	<i>KMP</i>
<i>Canones Apostolorum</i>	<i>Can. App.</i>
Athanasius	Ath.
<i>Apologia ad Constantium</i>	<i>Apol. Const.</i>
<i>Apologia (secunda) contra Arianos</i>	<i>Apol. sec.</i>
<i>De decretis Nicaenae synodi</i>	<i>De decr.</i>
<i>De sententia Dionysii</i>	<i>De sent. Dion.</i>
<i>De synodis Arimini et Seleucia</i>	<i>De syn.</i>
<i>Epistula ad Afros episcopos</i>	<i>Ep. Afr.</i>
<i>Epistula ad Epictetum</i>	<i>Ep. Epict.</i>
<i>Epistula festivalis</i>	<i>Ep. fest.</i>
<i>Orationes tres adversus Arianos</i>	<i>Ar.</i>
<i>Tomus ad Antiochenos</i>	<i>Tom.</i>

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Augustine	Aug.
<i>De Trinitate</i>	<i>De Trin.</i>
Basil of Caesarea	Bas.
<i>Contra Eunomium</i>	<i>Eun.</i>
<i>Epistulae</i>	<i>Ep.</i>
<i>Collectio Avellana</i>	<i>Coll. Avell.</i>
Cyril of Alexandria	Cyr.
<i>Epistulae</i>	<i>Ep.</i>
Epiphanius	Epiph.
<i>Panarion</i>	<i>Pan.</i>
Eusebius of Caesarea	Eus.
<i>Contra Marcellum</i>	<i>Marcell.</i>
<i>De ecclesiastica theologia</i>	<i>De ecc. th.</i>
<i>De vita Constantini</i>	VC
<i>Epistula ad Caesarienses</i>	<i>Ep. Caes.</i>
<i>Epistula ad Euphrationem</i>	<i>Ep. Euphrat.</i>
<i>Historia ecclesiastica</i>	HE
<i>Praeparatio Evangelica</i>	PE
Eustathius of Antioch	Eust.
Fragmenta	Fr.
Gregory of Nazianzus	Gr. Naz.
<i>Epistulae</i>	<i>Ep.</i>
<i>Orationes</i>	<i>Orat.</i>
Hilary of Poitiers	Hilar.
<i>Collectanea antiariana Parisina</i>	CAP
<i>De synodis</i>	<i>De syn.</i>
<i>Fragmenta Historica</i>	FH
<i>Liber contra Auxentium Mediolanensem</i>	<i>Aux.</i>
Lactantius	Lact.
<i>De mortibus persecutorum</i>	DMP
Leontius of Byzantium	Leont.
<i>Adversus fraudes Apolloniaristarum</i>	Apoll.
Origen	Or.
<i>Commentarii in Johannem</i>	<i>Jo.</i>
<i>Contra Celsum</i>	<i>Cels.</i>
<i>De principiis</i>	<i>De princ.</i>
Pamphilus	Pamph.

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<i>Apologia Origenis</i>	<i>Ap. Orig.</i>
<i>Panegyrici latini</i>	<i>Paneg. lat.</i>
Philostorgius	Phil.
<i>Historia ecclesiastica</i>	<i>HE</i>
Phoebadius of Agen	Phoeb.
<i>Liber contra Arrianos</i>	<i>Ar.</i>
Socrates	Socr.
<i>Historia ecclesiastica</i>	<i>HE</i>
Sozomen	Soz.
<i>Historia ecclesiastica</i>	<i>HE</i>
Sulpicius Severus	Sulp. Sev.
<i>Chronicorum libri duo</i>	<i>Chron.</i>
Tertullian	Tert.
<i>Aduersus Praxean</i>	<i>Prax.</i>
Theodoret	Thdt.
<i>Historia ecclesiastica</i>	<i>HE</i>

Modern Sources

ACO	<i>Acta Conciliorum Oecumenicorum</i>
CCSG	Corpus Christianorum Series Graeca
CCSL	Corpus Christianorum Series Latina
CH	<i>Church History</i>
CSEL	Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum
Dok.	Hanns Christof Brennecke, Uta Heil, Annette von Stockhausen, and Angelika Wintjes, eds. 2007. <i>Athanasius Werke: Dokumente zur Geschichte des arianischen Streites</i> . Vol. 3, pt. 1. <i>Lieferung 3: Bis zur Ekthesis Makrostichos</i> . Berlin: De Gruyter
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DOP	<i>Dumbarton Oaks Papers</i>
FC	The Fathers of the Church
GCS	Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller der ersten drei Jahrhunderte

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GRBS	<i>Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies</i>
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
JAEMA	<i>Journal of the Australian Early Medieval Association</i>
J ECS	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
JEH	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
JLA	<i>Journal of Late Antiquity</i>
JRS	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
Lampe 1961	Lampe, G. W. H. 1961. <i>A Patristic Greek Lexicon</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press.
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
NBA	Nuova Biblioteca Agostiniana
NPNF	A Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers
PG	Patrologia Graeca
PL	Patrologia Latina
PLRE	Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire
RAC	<i>Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum</i>
RHE	<i>Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique</i>
SC	Sources chrétiennes
StPatr	<i>Studia Patristica</i>
TTH	Translated Texts for Historians
Urk.	Hans-Georg Opitz, ed. 1934. <i>Athanasius Werke III.1, Lieferung 1–2: Urkunden zur Geschichte des arianischen Streites, 318–328</i> . Berlin: De Gruyter
VC	<i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>
ZAC	<i>Zeitschrift für antikes Christentum</i>
ZKG	<i>Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte</i>

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