

## **The Iconoclasm During the Isaurian Dynasty until the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

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### **Abstract**

The present study analyses the historical and theological situation of the Byzantium Empire during the 8<sup>th</sup> century. The iconoclasm started with the emperor Leon III the Isaurian and continued with his son, Constantine the 5<sup>th</sup>. The emperor considered himself as being the emperor and the priest and from this quality he permitted to intervene in the theological discussion of the Church. We mentioned two important moments for the iconoclasm, namely the gathering and its edict from 730 and the Synod from Hieria, held in 754, when it was decided that the Holy Eucharist is the only true icon of Jesus Christ, our Lord.