

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY - from CONSTANTINOPLE to KIEV to MOSCOW
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Introduction: The Roman/Latin Western Church

- A. The Early Centuries of the Church
- B. Persecutions, Heresy, Creeds, Church Structure
- C. Emperor Constantine Embraces Christianity & Moves Empire to Constantinople
- D. The Role of the Bishop of Rome - i.e. the Pope
- E. To the East: Oriental Orthodox Churches and the Nestorian Branch
- F. Missionary Expansion: Europe and Scandinavia

I. The Byzantine Empire and the Eastern Orthodox Church

- A. Constantinople (*map*)
- B. Hagia Sophia Church (*sketch*)
- C. Empire and Church - a Unity
- D. Clergy: Bishops and Priests
- E. Education
- F. Monasteries
- G. Worship and Mysticism
- H. Seven Ecumenical Councils

II. The Icon Controversy (*icon*)

- A. Issue behind the Controversy
- B. The Commandment on Graven Images: Augustine & Luther
- C. Resolving the Controversy
- D. The Triumph of Orthodoxy - 843 A.D.

III. Patriarch Photios

- A. A Remarkable Man with A Lofty Vision
- B. His Detractors: Ignatios and Pope Nicholas
- C. Mutual Excommunications: East from West
- D. Missionary Vision

IV. Missionaries: Cyril and Methodios

- A. Mission Field - Moravia (*map*)
- B. Translations for Bible and Liturgy
- C. Cyrillic Alphabet - Vernacular in Missions

V. Symeon and the Flowering of Mystical Theology

- A. Light from The Holy Spirit
- B. Safeguarding the Mystery and Holiness of God

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VI. Prince Vladimir and the Conversion of Rus

- A. Norsemen and Prince Vladimir
- B. "Faith Shopping" for the People of Russia - 988
- C. Focus for Centuries in Kiev (*map*)
- D. First Saints in Russia: Boris and Gleb
- E. Church of St. Sophia and Monastery of the Caves

VII. Church of the East and the West Separate

- A. Differences between the Branches
- B. Doctrinal Conflict over the Holy Spirit, Issues behind the Conflict
- C. Cardinal Humbert, Leads a Delegation to Constantinople - Divisive Results
- D. Mutual Anathemas: 1054 Church Separated for Centuries.

VII. The Unfortunate and Disasterous Crusades

- A. Islam Threats and East Appeals to West for Help
- B. Papal Promises to "Christian Knights"
- C. Initial Objectives of the Crusaders
- D. Effect of Crusades on Islam
- E. The Fourth Crusade wrecks Havoc on the Eastern Church & Constantinople

VIII. Moscow, the Third Rome?

- A. Mongols Invade Kiev, Church and Political Life Moves North to Moscow (*map*)
- B. St. Sergii and the Monastery of the Holy Trinity - Icon Painter Andrei Rublev
- C. Chaos in the Roman Papacy, "*Babylonian Captivity of the Papacy.*"
- D. Muslim Turks conquer Constantinople in 1453.
- E. Orthodoxy on the Defensive.

Conclusion:

- A. Gift of Eastern Orthodoxy to the World-wide Christian Church
- B. 1965- Mutual Excommunications Removed by Pope and Patriarch.