

Church History, Part 2

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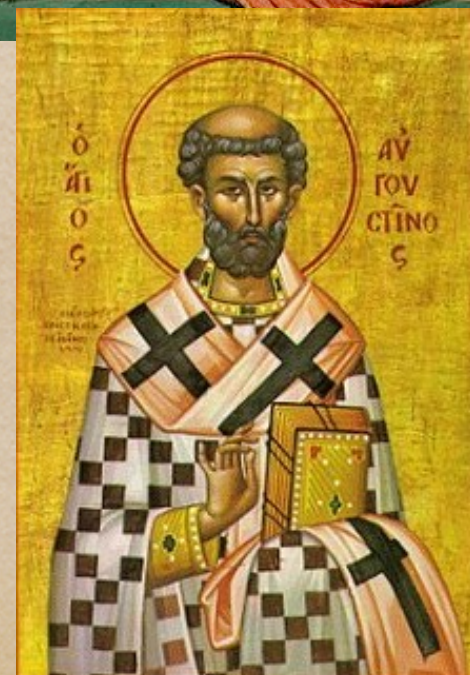


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Estrangement from the West

- ◆ Loss of political unity, invasions, and Islam
- ◆ Cultural divisions
- ◆ Diverging theological mindsets
- ◆ The influence of St. Augustine's writings

The pope asks Charlemagne for help at a meeting near Rome (772).



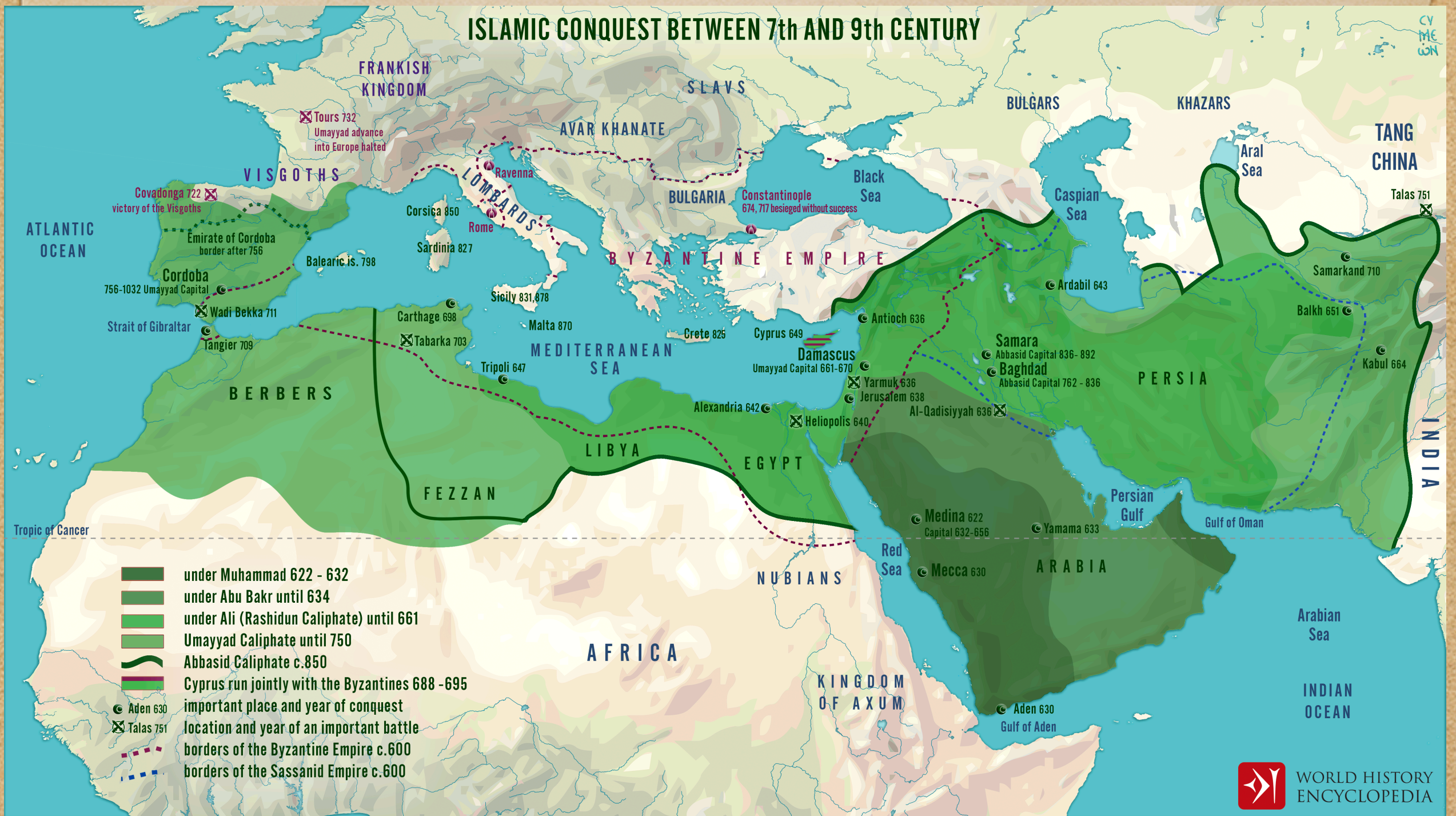
Icon of St Augustine of Hippo

SCHISM OF 1054

- Separation of Western and Eastern Christianity, 1054
- Centres of the spread of Christianity

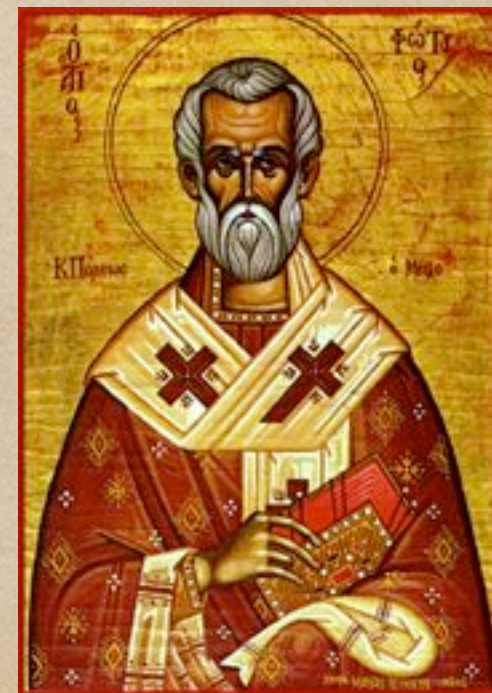


ISLAMIC CONQUEST BETWEEN 7th AND 9th CENTURY



Timeline of the Schism

- ◆ 589 - Council of Toledo adds the Filioque ("and the Son") to the Creed
- ◆ 867 - St. Photios writes against the Filioque and anathematizes the Pope
- ◆ 869-870 "Anti-Photian" Council
- ◆ 879-880 Eighth Ecumenical Council accepted by the West until 11th century.
- ◆ 1009 Pope removed from diptychs
- ◆ 1054 Symbolic date of the Great Schism



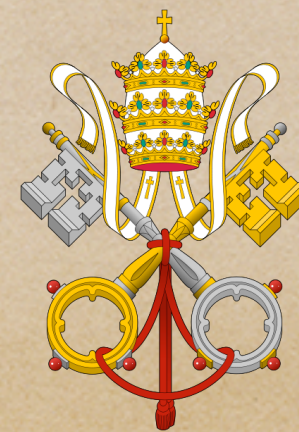
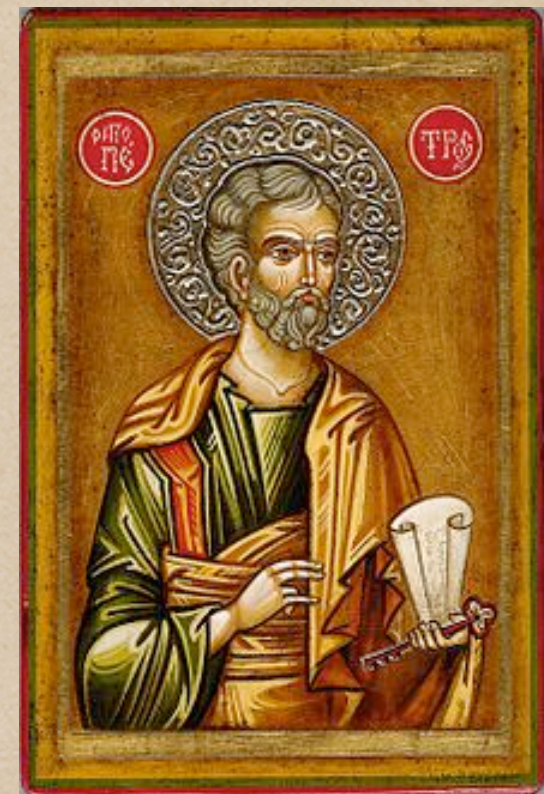
The Filioque

- ◆ Filioque “unbalances” the Holy Trinity
- ◆ St. Augustine: Lover + Loved = Love
- ◆ “sent by” vs. “originate (proceed) from”
- ◆ Encyclical of 1848 summarizes objections
- ◆ For further reading see the 1848 Encyclical (online) and On the Mystagogy of the Holy Spirit



Papal Primacy / Supremacy

- ◆ Primacy of honor, not power
 - ◆ “First among equals”
 - ◆ Rome as “arbiter”
 - ◆ College vs. Monarchy
- ◆ St. Matt. 16:15-19
 - ◆ “Upon this rock”
 - ◆ “Rock” = his confession not his person
- ◆ Rome gradually began to centralize due to barbarian threat and Frankish influence
- ◆ 1302 - Papal Bull Unam Sanctum



Other Key Differences, Part 1

- ◆ The Immaculate Conception (1854)
- ◆ Papal Infallibility (1870)
- ◆ Indulgences
- ◆ Purgatorial fire



Painting of the Immaculate Conception
of the Ever-Virgin Mary



Granting Indulgences

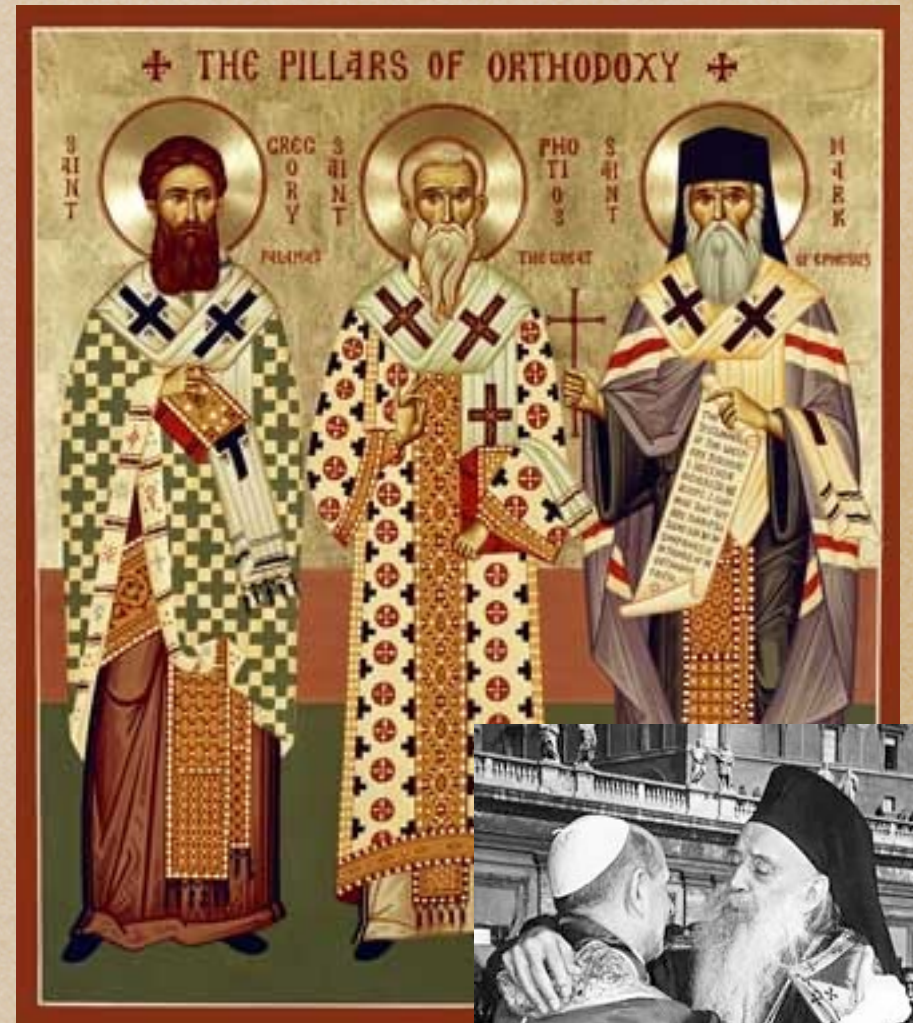
Other Key Differences, Part 2

- ◆ The Eucharist
- ◆ Baptism by sprinkling
- ◆ Chrismation separated from Baptism
- ◆ Celibate Priesthood



Post-Schism Encounters

- ◆ 1204 - Sack of Constantinople during the Fourth Crusade
- ◆ 1274 - Council of Lyons
- ◆ 1138-51 Hesychast Controversy
- ◆ 1438-9 Council of Ferrara-Florence and St. Mark of Ephesus
- ◆ 1596 - Creation of the Uniate church
- ◆ Modern Ecumenical Movement



Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch
Athenagoras I in 1964

The Hesychast Controversy (1338)

- ◆ Hesychasm was and is a well-established and essential “pathway of union”
- ◆ Barlaam attacked this practice, casting doubt on ones ability to truly know God
- ◆ St. Gregory Palamas emerged from his hesychast life on Mount Athos to defend the practice
- ◆ 1341-51 Ninth Ecumenical Council
- ◆ Roman Catholicism has only reconsidered its position since early 20th century



Mosaic Icon of Moses and the Burning Bush

Conversion of the Slavs

- ◆ St. Photios the Great sends Sts. Cyril and Methodius (863)
- ◆ Church Slavonic created and still used
- ◆ Left foundation for future missionaries
- ◆ Princess Olga of Kiev (945)
- ◆ Her grandson Prince Vladimir dispatches envoys to discover the best religion (987)
- ◆ Hagia Sophia: In Heaven or on Earth?!

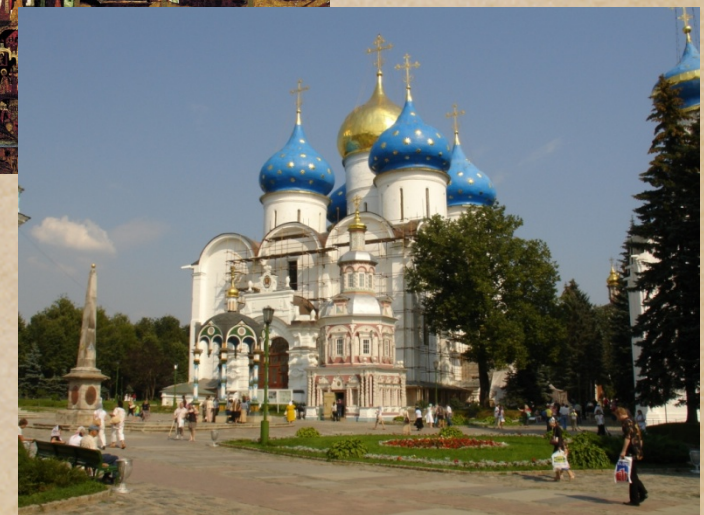


Orthodoxy in Russia, Part 1

- ◆ Initially in Kiev under Constantinople
- ◆ Mongols invade, moves to Moscow (1325)
- ◆ St. Sergius of Radonezh (1314?-1392)
- ◆ Spiritual Renewal (Late 14th-Early 15th c.)
- ◆ Moscow as the “Third Rome”
- ◆ Possessors vs. Non-Possessors



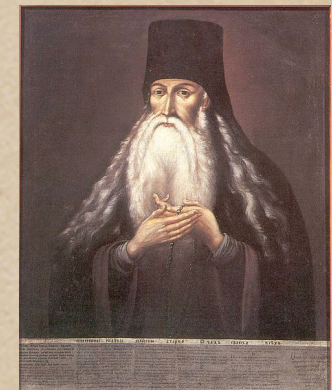
Icon of the Holy Trinity
by St. Andrei Rublev



Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra

Orthodoxy in Russia, Part 2

- ◆ The Old Believer Schism (1652)
- ◆ Reforms of Peter the Great (late 17th century)
- ◆ Missionary expansion: Siberia, Alaska (St Herman, St Innocent) and Japan (St Nicholas)
- ◆ Spiritual renewal in the 18th- and 19th-century: St Paisius Velichkovsky, The Philokalia, Optina Elders
- ◆ St Seraphim of Sarov; St Theophan the Recluse; St John of Kronstadt



The Ottoman Yoke

- ◆ 1453: Fall of Constantinople
- ◆ D'himmitude => confessional enclave with limited self-rule
- ◆ Patriarchate decayed
- ◆ Conservatism and ossification
- ◆ Led to a pseudomorophosis of Orthodox theology
- ◆ Bishop Kallistos Ware's summary of the era



Encounters with Protestantism

- ◆ 1573-81: Lutherans and Patriarch Jeremías II
- ◆ 1629 - The “Calvinist Patriarch”
- ◆ 1672 - Council of Jerusalem
- ◆ Rock and Sand, by Fr Josiah Trenham; TrisagionFilms.com

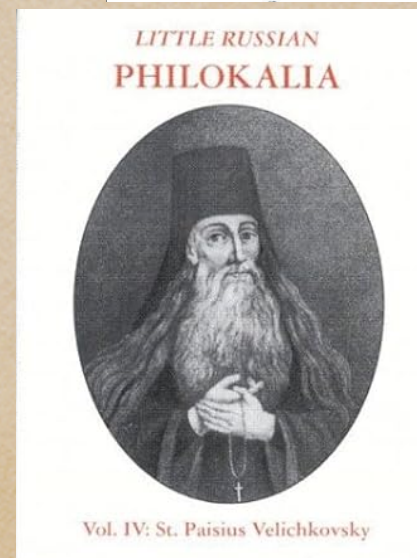
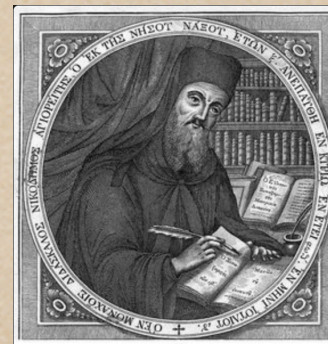


The Kollyvades Movement

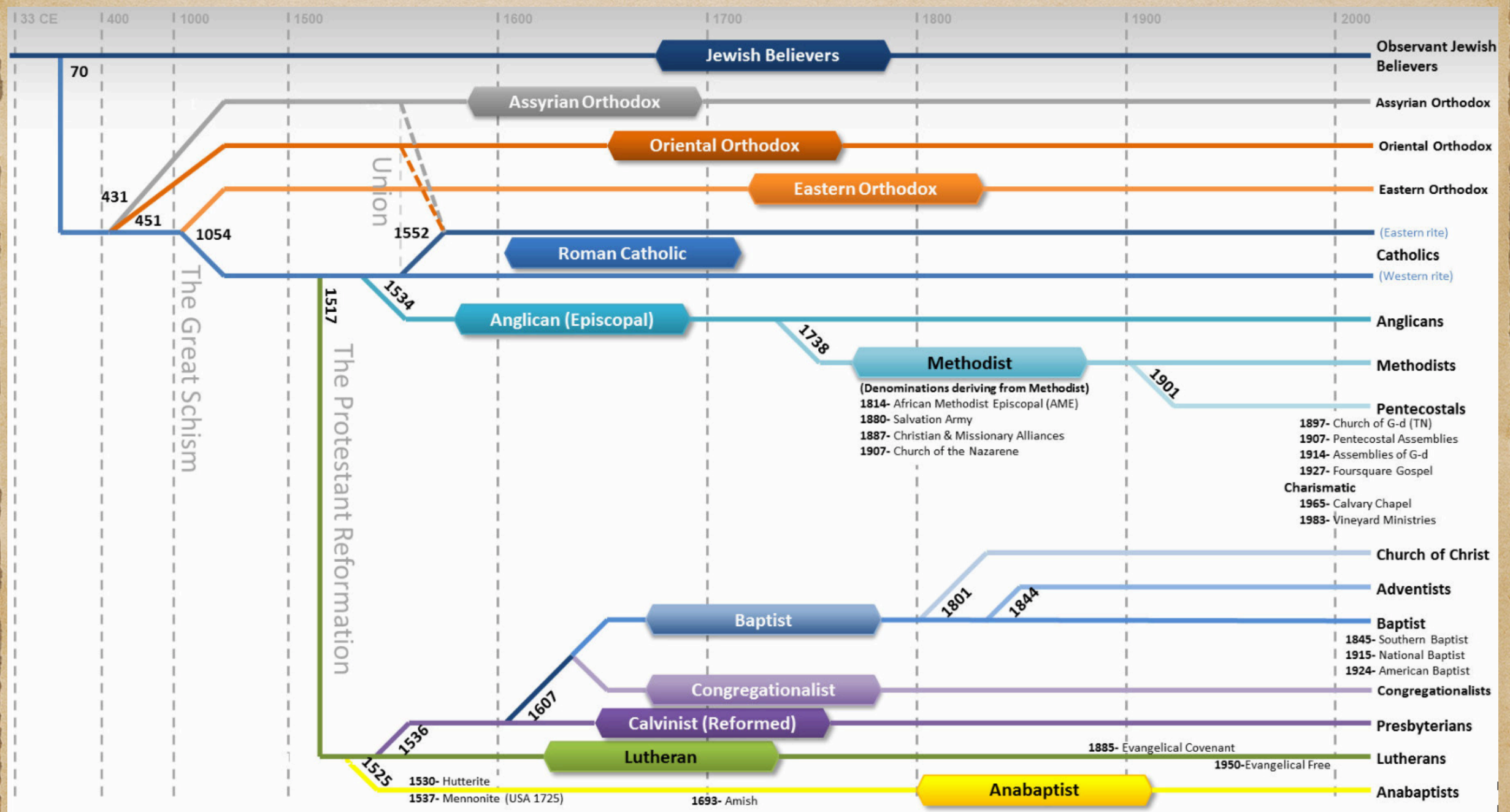
- ◆ From “kólyva”, used as term of derision; better: The Philokalic Revival
- ◆ Important opposition movement to the Enlightenment
- ◆ Leaders sought to resurrect life and writings of St. Gregory Palamas
- ◆ Main goals of the movement, and its publications
- ◆ Controversy ended by a Council at Constantinople (1819)
- ◆ Second Triumph of Orthodoxy

“Christianity is
the most ridiculous,
the most absurd,
and bloody religion
that has ever
infected the world.”

Voltaire



Major "Branches" of Christianity



The Soviet Yoke

- ◆ Began with Bolshevik Revolution (1917)
- ◆ Tsar Nicholas II and family murdered (1918)
- ◆ Tens of thousands of churches and monasteries destroyed or closed
- ◆ Tens of millions of martyrs
- ◆ Restoration under Patriarch Alexey II
- ◆ Current Patriarch Kyrill's collaboration with Putin and "Holy War" against Ukraine



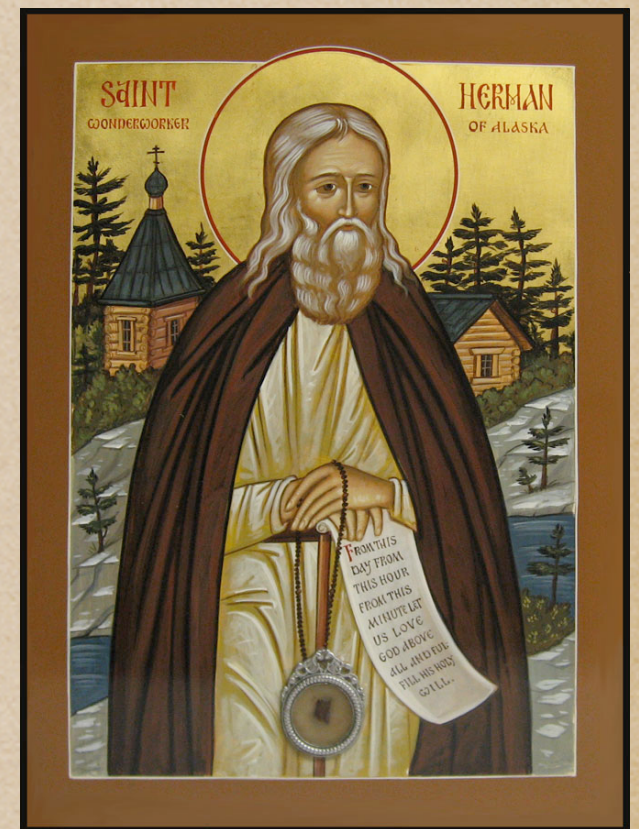
Patriarch Tikhon



The rebuilt Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Moscow,

Orthodoxy in America, I

- ◆ 1794 Missionaries, including Herman of Alaska
- ◆ 1824 Fr. John Veniaminov, the future St. Innocent of Alaska
- ◆ 1864 Holy Trinity Church established in New Orleans
- ◆ 1880-1920 Massive immigration of Greeks, Romanians, Serbs, Palestinians leads to establishment of numerous ethnic communities and overlapping jurisdictions
- ◆ 1904 Raphael (Hawaweeny) consecrated first Bishop in U.S.
- ◆ 1906 St Tikhon's Monastery / Hapgood service book
- ◆ 1922 Greek Archdiocese of America established
- ◆ 1938 St. Vladimir's Seminary and St. Tikhon's Orthodox Seminary founded
- ◆ 1946 Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology founded



Orthodoxy in America, 2

- ◆ 1970 Russian Metropolia accepts autocephaly.
Renamed the OCA.
- ◆ 1985 OCMC / 1992 IOCC
- ◆ 1987 Former EOC members received as AEOM
- ◆ 1989 Elder Ephraim begins founding monasteries
- ◆ 2000 Glorification of St. Raphael of Brooklyn
- ◆ 2003 Antiochians granted "self-rule"

Things We Didn't Discuss!

- ◆ History of Non-Chalcedonian churches
- ◆ History of the Churches of Greece, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia
- ◆ History of Orthodoxy in Britain and Ireland; Norman Invasion (1066)
- ◆ Battle of Kosovo and other key dates related to Islamic conquest
- ◆ St. Silouan the Athonite, Blessed Elder Sophrony, and the establishment of St. John the Baptist monastery in England
- ◆ Introduction of New Calendar in 1923. Ecumenical movement in general.
- ◆ Flowering of Monasticism on Mount Athos, starting with Elder Joseph the Hesychast

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