

# **Byzantine Empire— Schism notes**

# Leading up to the Schism

- **Only 1 church: Catholic Church**
- **Pope = head of Catholic Church**
  - **Patriarch = in charge of eastern 1/2 of church, but still under the pope's power (Byz. emperors like to control patriarch)**
- **Power struggle b/w popes & Byzantine emperors**
- **Iconoclast Controversy:**
  - **726 = Byzantine emperor forbade the use of icons b/c similar to pagan idols**
    - **He feared people were worshipping them as gods**
  - **Iconoclasts = people who broke into churches & broke icons**
  - **Eventually Byzantine emperors allowed the use of icons again**

# Iconoclast





# The Schism

- **1054 = Schism—split of Church—Roman Catholic vs. Eastern Orthodox**
  - **1054—Pope excommunicated Patriarch, head of church in east**
  - **Patriarch retaliated with a similar excommunication**



# **Christianity**

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Church**

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Orthodox Church**

# The Schism-1054

**The Patriarch**



**The Pope**





