

Schism

Schism - is a division between people, usually belonging to an organization or religious denomination.

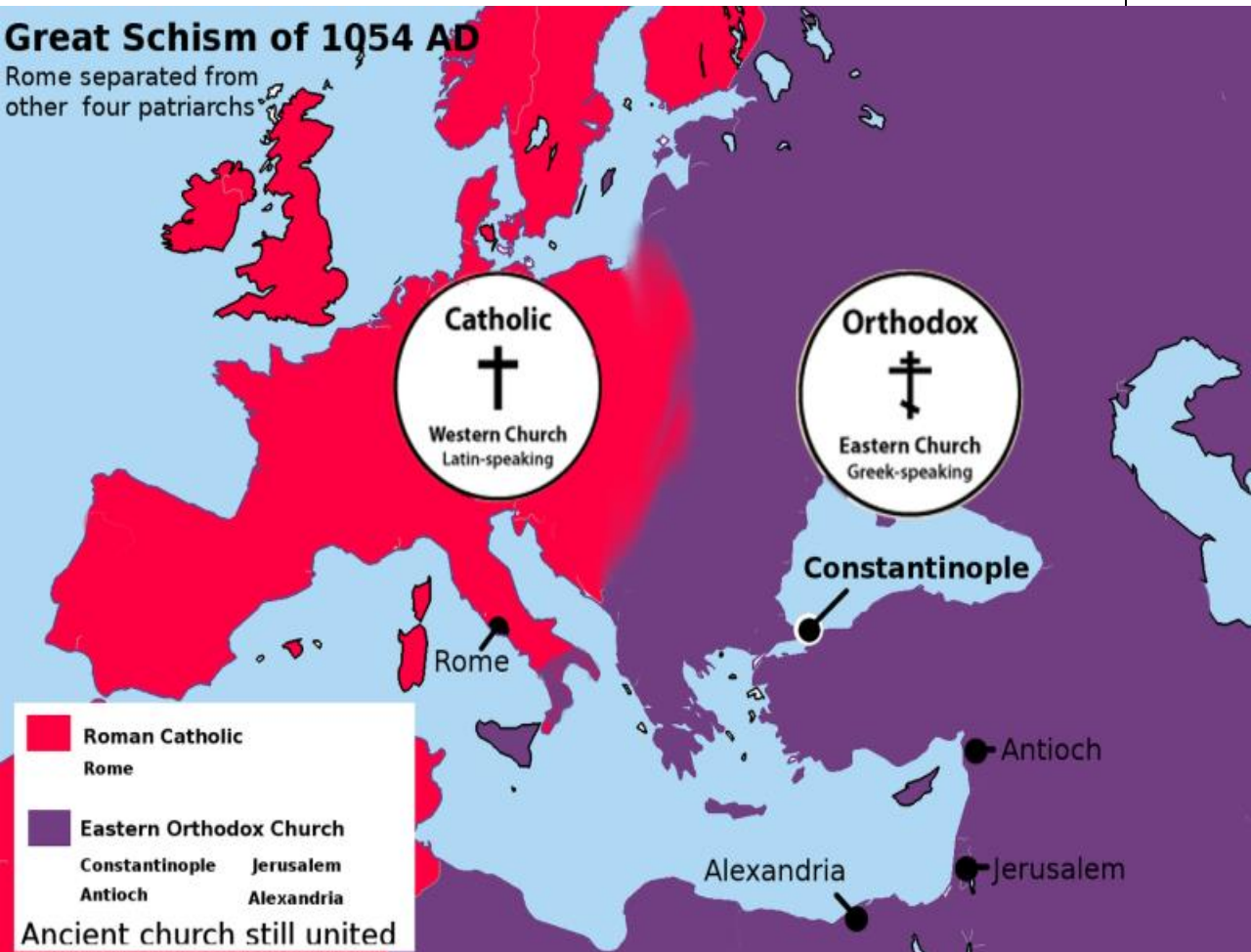
- Aim: Why did the church in Rome split with the church in Byzantium?
- Do Now: Can you think of any time religions have split? What caused the division?





The Great Schism

- In 1054 the Christian church split into 2 churches forever. In the West; the Roman Catholic (universal) Church. In the East; the Eastern Orthodox (correct belief) Church.



So what's the difference?

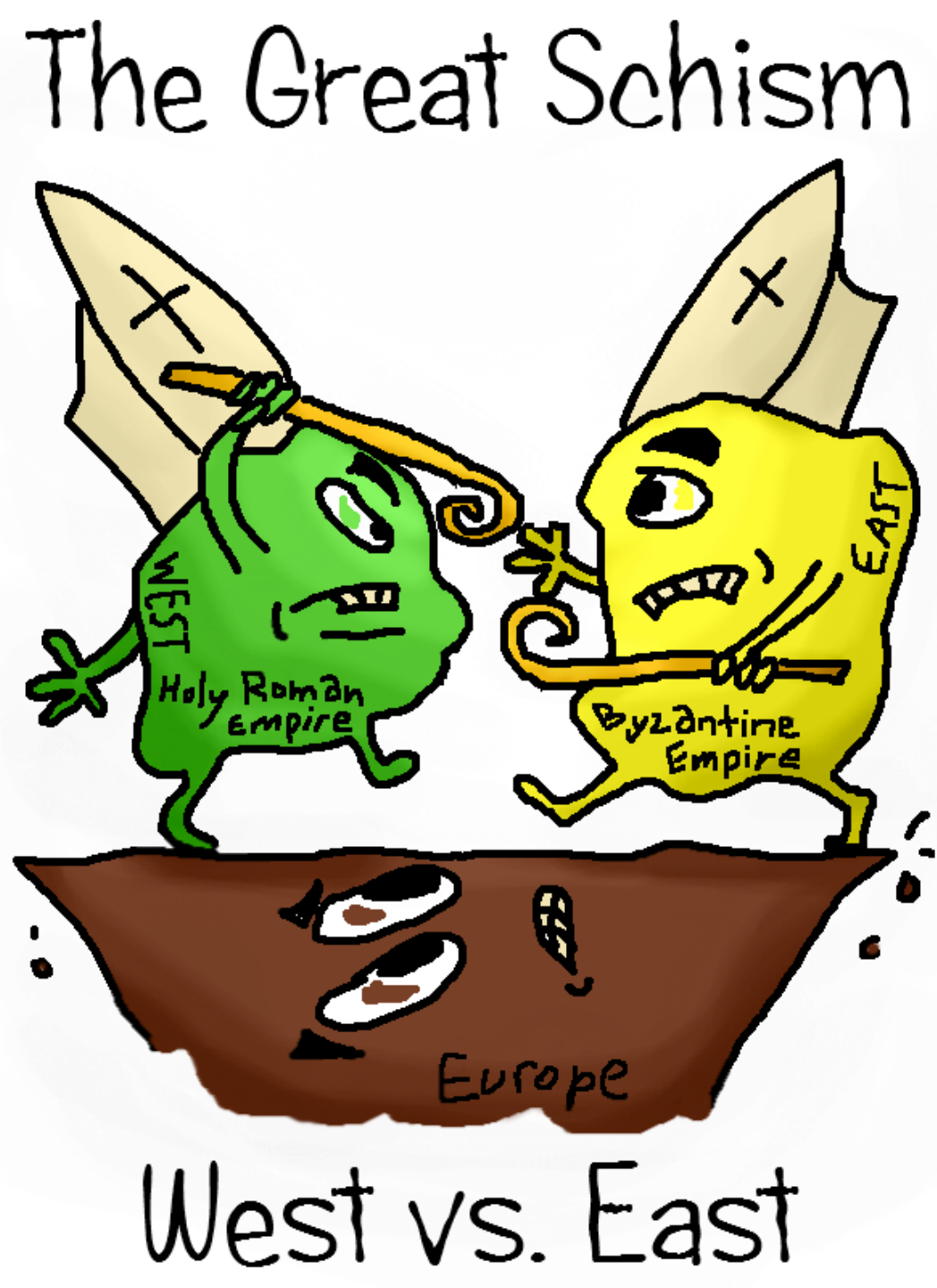
What was the problem in the church?

- The Catholic (west) and Orthodox (east) argued over the following issues

1. Icons

2. Who was in charge?

- Pope (west) vs. Emperor (east)





What is an Icon (Idol)?

- Religious images that can be prayed to.
 - Statue of the Virgin Mary
 - Jesus Christ on the cross
- They appear in several forms; in mural painting, mosaic and most typically painted on small wooded panels.

The fight over Icons

- Catholic (West)
 - Thought that icons brought you closer to the idea/person
 - Praying to a statue of Jesus brought you closer to him
- Orthodox (East)
 - Thought it was wrong to worship something that was man-made. Worship should only be made to God.

When have we heard this argument before?

The West - Roman Catholic Church

- Mass was in Latin
- Pope was Supreme head of Church in the West - above any political ruler
- Priests could NOT marry
- Religious icons of martyrs and saints to be respected
- Only Pope and Bishops could interpret the scriptures.

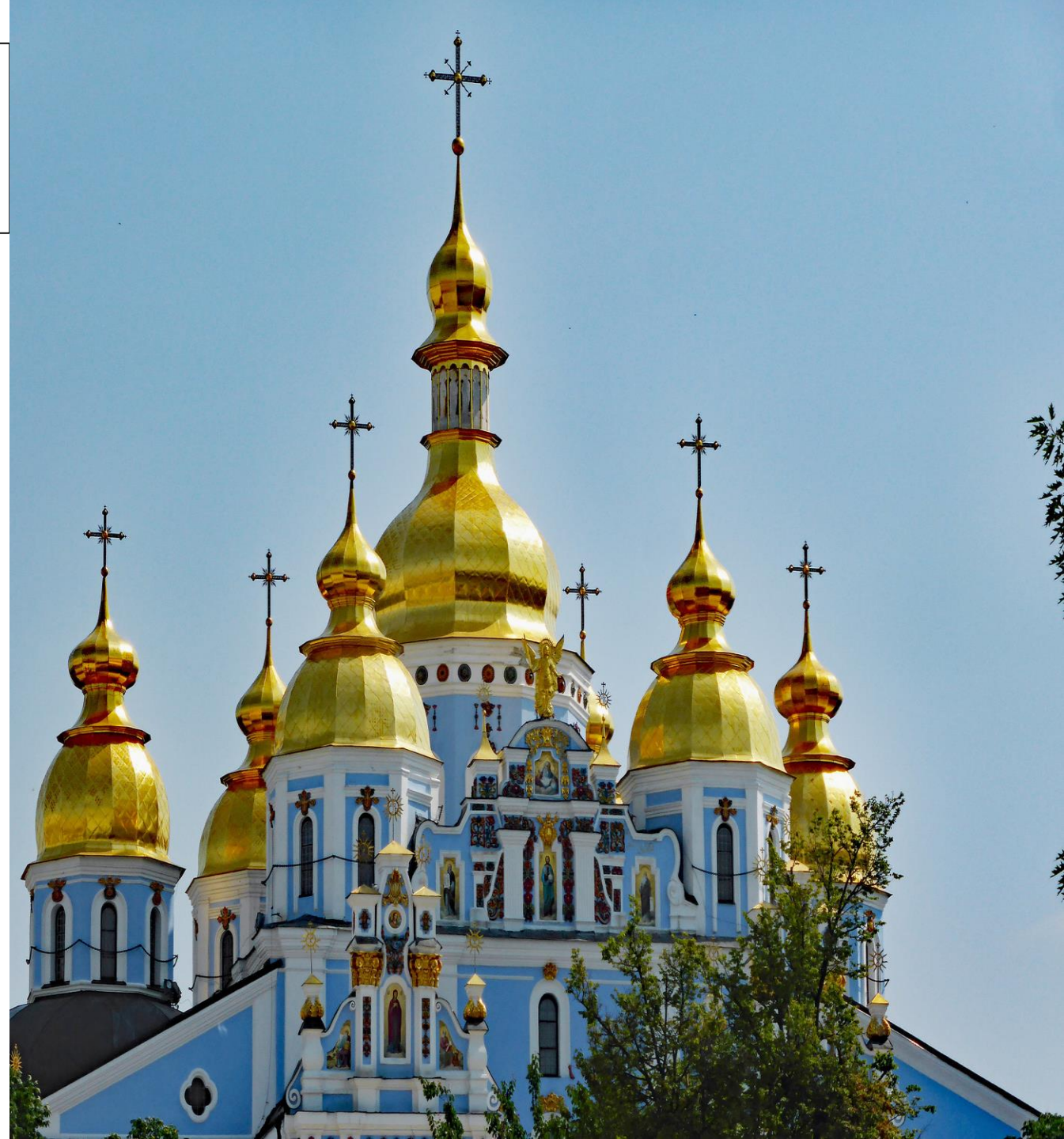


The POPE is the leader of the WESTERN Roman Catholic Church.



The East- Orthodox Church

- “Mass” was in Greek - so everyone could understand.
 - Monks who did missionary work often converted it into the language of the people they were trying to convert
- The Byzantine Emperor was superior to religious leader(patriarch) of Constantinople.
- Priests could marry
- Icons not allowed



PATRIARCH - The leader of the EASTERN Orthodox Church



Roman Catholic

Services are conducted in Latin.

The pope has authority over all other bishops.

The pope claims authority over all kings and emperors.

Priests may not marry.

Divorce is not permitted.

Similarities

They base their faith on the gospel of Jesus and the Bible.

They use sacraments such as baptism.

Their religious leaders are priests and bishops.

They seek to convert people.

Eastern Orthodox

Services are conducted in Greek or local languages.

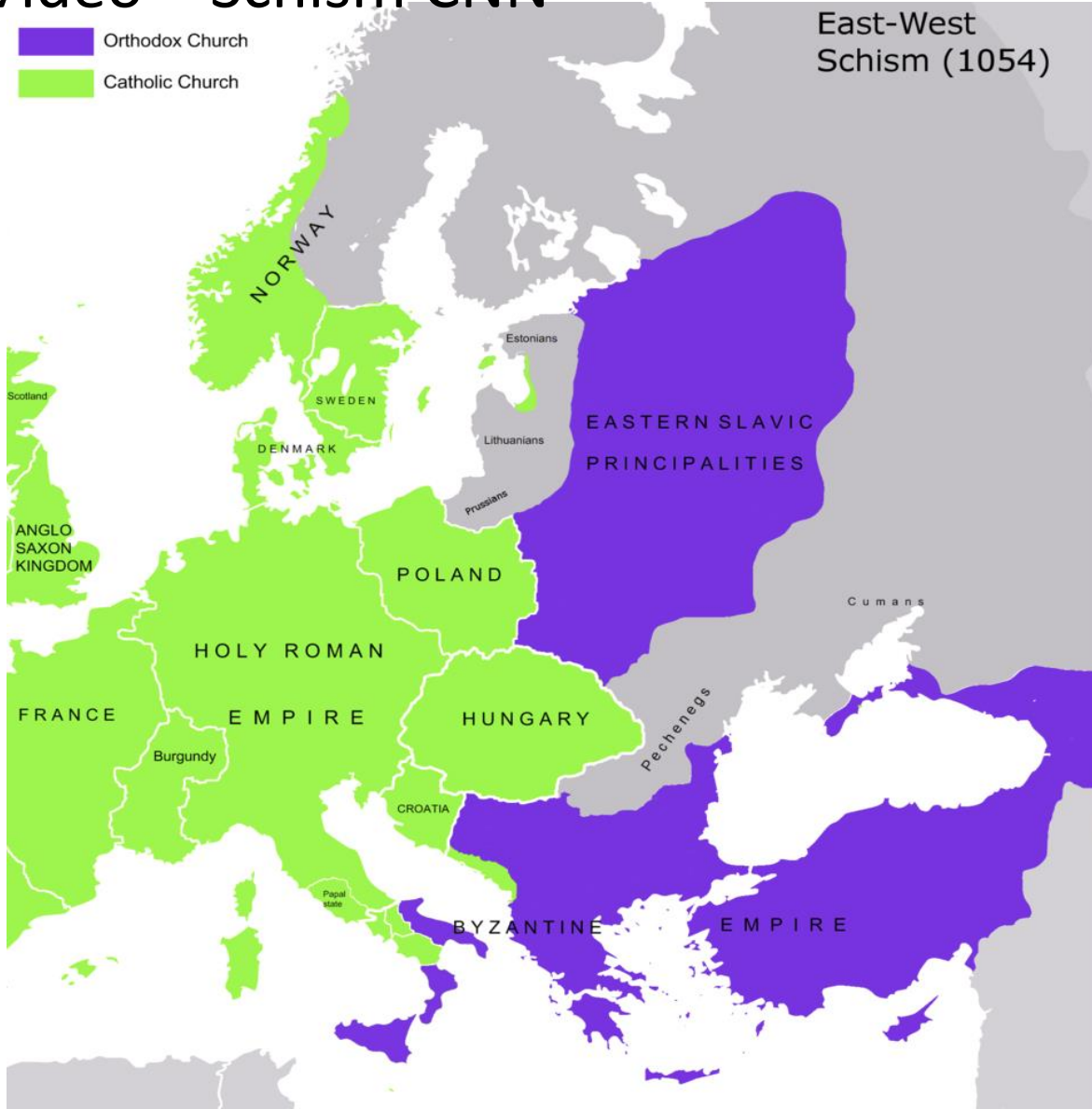
The patriarch and other bishops head the Church as a group.

The emperor claims authority over the patriarch and other bishops of the empire.

Priests may be married.

Divorce is allowed under certain conditions.

Video – Schism CNN



Partner Activity: Complete the Eastern Orthodox Church

- 1) Member 1, represent the viewpoint of the Eastern Orthodox Church
- 2) Member 2, represent the viewpoint of Roman Catholic Church
- 3) Create a mock debate on the back page and hand in with both your names at the end of the class, for a classwork grade.