

Christian Denominations: Eastern Orthodox

Learning Objectives:

All (L8-L4): will know what is meant by the Eastern Orthodox Church

Most (L8-L5): will be able to explain some things about the Eastern Orthodox Church

Some (L8-L6): will be able to analyse and evaluate aspects of the Eastern Orthodox Church



Key words

- Denomination
- Orthodox
- Constantinople / Byzantium / Istanbul
- Schism
- Divine Liturgy
- Patriarch

Copy these Key words into your books



Starter:

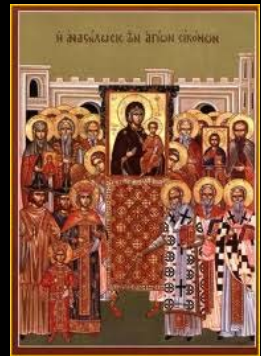
- The Eastern Orthodox Church had its origins in Constantinople which was later called Byzantium.
- This city is now called Istanbul.
- Look at the map which shows the eastern Mediterranean as it was in the first century CE.
- What modern-day country is Istanbul in?



History



- At first the Eastern and Western Christians shared exactly the same faith.
- They began to split following a Ecumenical Council (meeting) at Nicaea in 787 CE.
- They finally split in the Great Schism (split) of 1054.



History



- The split happened for two reasons:
 - The Pope had claimed supreme authority over all Christians
 - The two Churches had disagreed over some words in the Nicene Creed
 - – the Eastern Church said ‘I believe ... in the Holy Spirit who comes from the Father
 - – the Western Church said ‘I believe ... in the Holy Spirit who comes from the Father and the Son.



With a partner

- Can you think of an occasion when you were really angry with someone because they said something that you did not agree with?
- How did it make you feel?
- Do you think that you were right to be angry?



Marketplace Activity



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Life and Worship	

Eastern Orthodox Chant



- Eastern Orthodox Chant from Mount Athos



Plenary



- Write down three things that you learnt about the Eastern Orthodox Church in today's lesson and say why you think they are important.

