

### C. Separation of the Eastern and Western churches

1. Constantine legalized Christianity so "his city" became the natural center of this "new religion"
2. Religious rivalry resulted in the bishop of Rome (Catholicism) excommunicating the patriarch of Constantinople (Orthodox) and vice versa; the two churches developed independently
  - a. The western church was influenced more by Roman and European ideas; the eastern church was influenced by Greek and Oriental ideas.
  - b. The western church required celibacy; the eastern church allowed marriage.
  - c. The western church emphasized statuary; the eastern church emphasized icons.

### D. A Chronology of Byzantine History



### Reading 12.4

### E. The Contributions of the Byzantine Civilization

1. A shield to protect Europe from Islam.
2. The means by which the classical heritage of Greece and Rome was preserved and transmitted to the West.
3. A model for the "less civilized" tribes to copy culture, government, and religion.