

1 **Introduction to Eastern Christianity**

2 **The Eastern Roman Empire**

- While the Western Roman Empire collapsed in the 400s, the Eastern Roman Empire (also known as the Byzantine Empire) continued until 1453.

3 **Eastern Christianity**

- The church in the Byzantine Empire and nearby regions developed independently of the church in the former Western Roman Empire.
- Eastern churches that recognize the authority of the Bishop of Rome are called Uniate, Eastern Rite, or Eastern Catholic churches.
- Eastern churches that do not recognize the authority of the Bishop of Rome are called Eastern Orthodox churches.