

some political unity. Both will face great threats with the coming of Islam. Both will suffer considerably under barbarian attacks. But the successful continuity of the Eastern empire, although much restricted in size, will allow the eastern church to become increasingly dependent on external aid while the western church must learn to fend for itself.

#### V.1.a Eastern Empire

##### The Eastern Empire

With some difficulty and varying degrees of health, the eastern empire continued itself. Following are some of the major leaders and a brief note on their accomplishments with regard to the church:

##### Zeno (d.491)

Zeno found himself caught with the burden of the continuing monophysite problem. His empire was enormously divided by this friction. Unable to have political stability in the matter he deemed it necessary to end the continuing theological arguments with a white paper on the subject...the famed HENOTICON (henos plus icon). In this he decreed that there would be no more discussion of the issue...all arguments must stop. Such moves are not often effective and, in fact, may put a temporary lull to the problem that will increase in time. Civil interference was not what the church needed. Zeno got to jail a few theologians but the problem continued.

##### Justin (c. 527)

His initial effort was to renew the total authority of Chalcedon but he had a monophysite sympathizing wife (Pulcheria) who worked against him in moderate clandestine fashion. The synod of 519, called by Justin, seems to have ended the technical battle with the monophysites and although a Eutychian ghost lingered in the wings, it never became a serious major threat again. You will discover, however, that none of these problems really go away...they just disguise themselves to show up in another form and are usually recognized by the major church persons although often affecting some of the staging errors. We have had a limited recurrence in our time...I will probably tell you about it.