

g. Papal schemes in the 13th century...

I will review this briefly as the bishop of Rome persuaded the Emperor to yield to him and the following bloody attempt to make the Orthodox accept Roman authority.

h. Events following the Council of Constance (15th century)

The last attempt at unity...almost a subversive affair, that blew up. The Islamic conquest that came in a few years was the last straw, I suppose, in sealing the division.

i. And Today...well that is modern history and that is another course.

5. Development in Orthodoxy

a. Monasticism:

Development of a strongly ascetic and often extreme monasticism

b. State relations:

Hard to tell the difference in church and state.

c. Missions:

Outstanding work in Slavonic missions. I have mentioned some of it before. The genius in this area was in the readiness of the Orthodox community to take advantage of the ethnic feelings of a local populace and allow it liberty in liturgy and the like. It tended to permit and encourage the vernacular (not all patriarchs liked this idea).

Considerable effort was expended on Islamic missions after the coming of Islam. The west did not get into this for hundreds of years (the Crusaders were definitely not missionaries) but the Greek churches worked on it with diligence...preparing strong apologetics, etc.