

# BYZANTINE EMPIRE TIMELINE

330 AD - 1453 AD

## EARLY BYZANTINE / LATE ANTIQUITY 330 - 641

**330**

**Foundation of Constantinople** Constantine the Great dedicates the "New Rome" on the site of Byzantium.

**527 - 565**

**Reign of Justinian I** Height of empire expansion; codification of Roman Law; construction of Hagia Sophia.

## THE MIDDLE PERIOD 641 - 1025

**717 - 718**

**Second Arab Siege of Constantinople** Leo III successfully defends the capital, halting Umayyad expansion.

**867 - 1025**

**Macedonian Renaissance** Golden age of art and literature; peak of military power under Basil II.

## DECLINE AND FALL 1071 - 1453

**1071**

**Battle of Manzikert** Defeat by Seljuk Turks; permanent loss of Central Anatolian heartlands.

**1204**

**Sack of Constantinople** Fourth Crusade diverts to the capital, establishing the Latin Empire.

**1453**

**Fall of Constantinople** Mehmed II of the Ottoman Empire captures the city; end of the Roman Empire.