HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE I ARC 2313 - SPRING 2022

LECTURE-24 30 MARCH 2022

For Friday, 1 April

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Reminder: Test #3

Friday, 22 April 2022

(Lectures 22-31)

Lately we've traveled to:

Mesoamerica North America Pre-Colonial Africa Middle East Persia Subcontinent of India Southeast Asia China Japan Medieval Europe

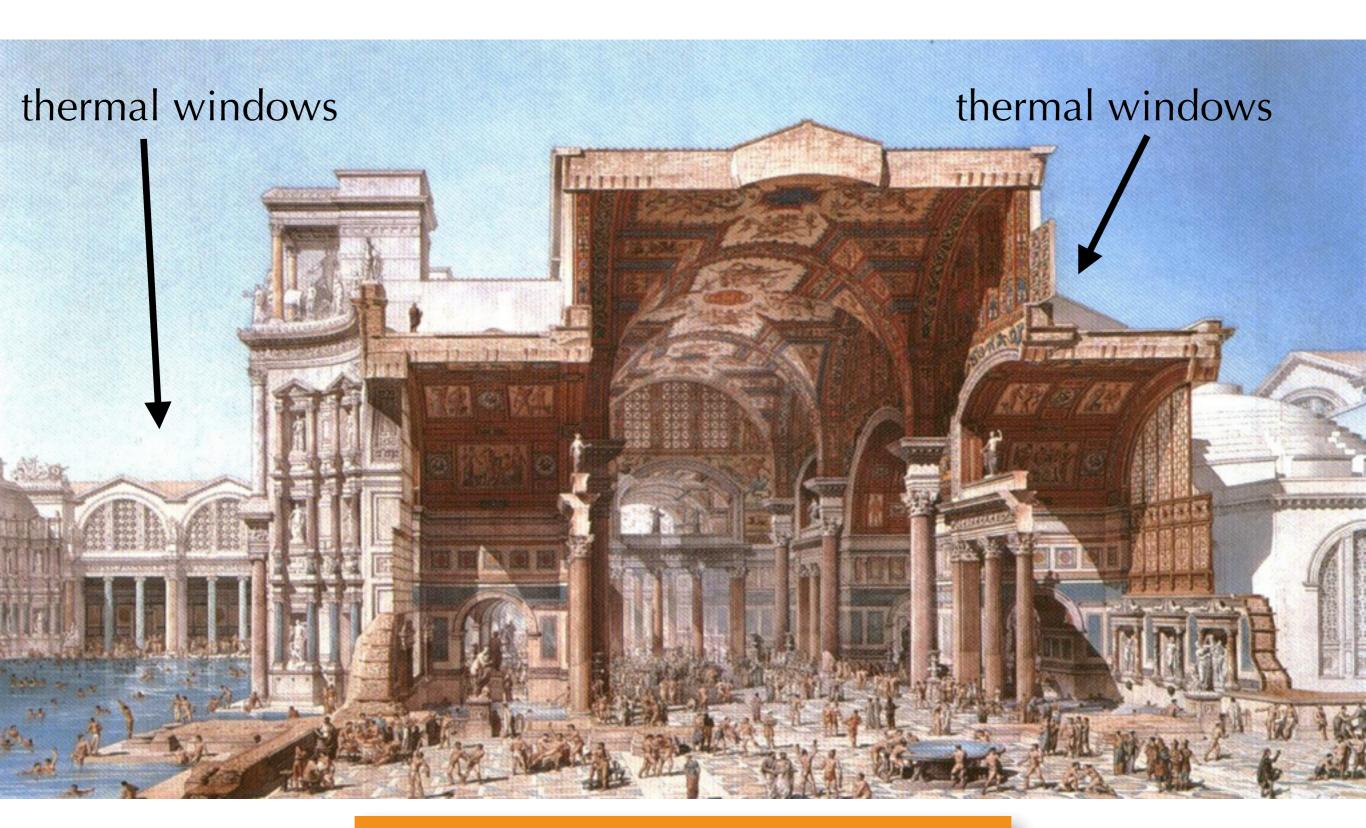
Now we're heading back to Rome...

The decline of Rome begins 146 BCE and continues its downward slide to about 300 CE

CHRISTIANITY BECOMES DOMINANT

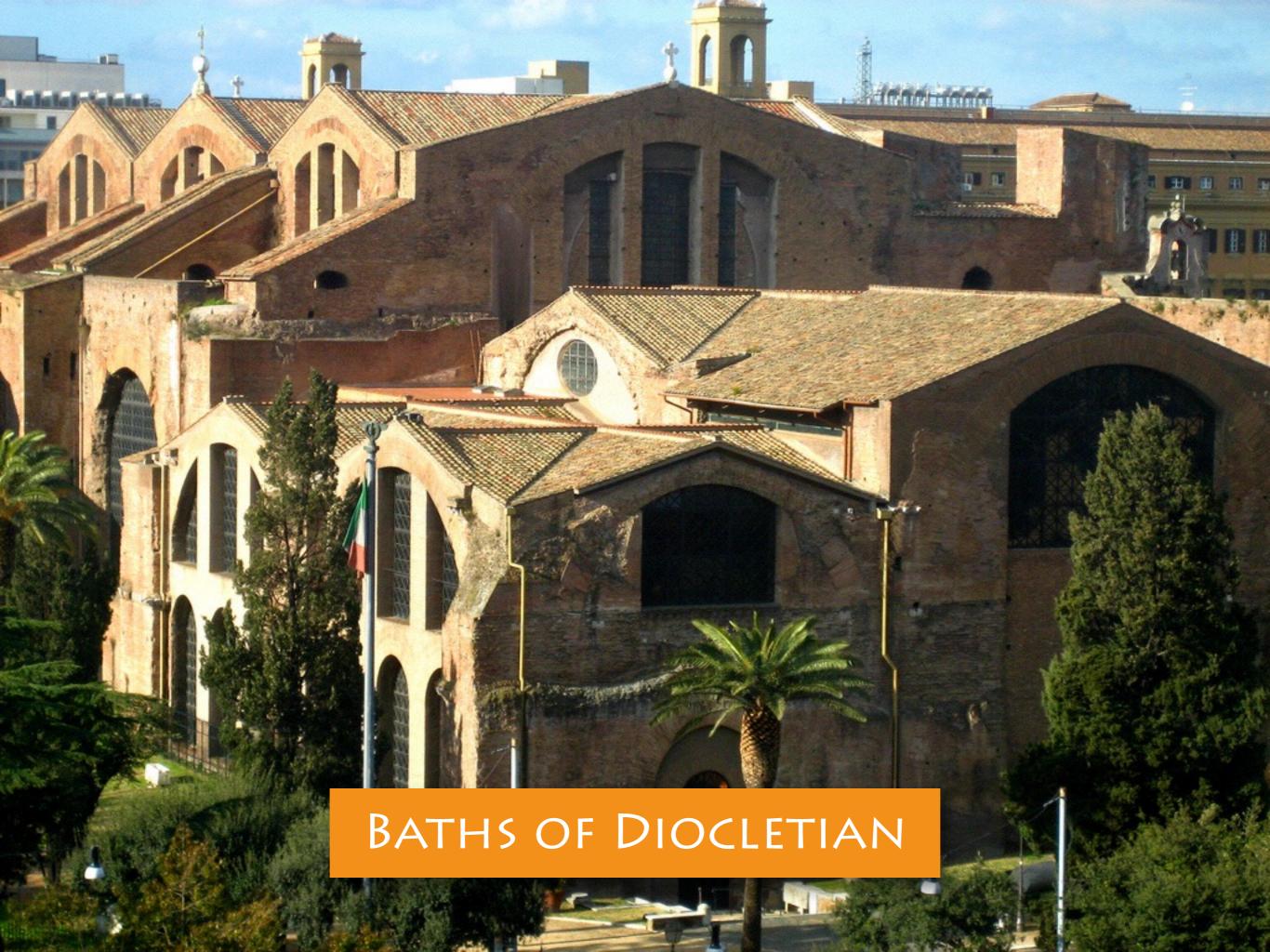
The **Pope** - the Father of the Church - becomes more important than the **Emperor**

(Rome continues to build great works...)



BATHS OF DIOCLETIAN

SECTION — 306 CE



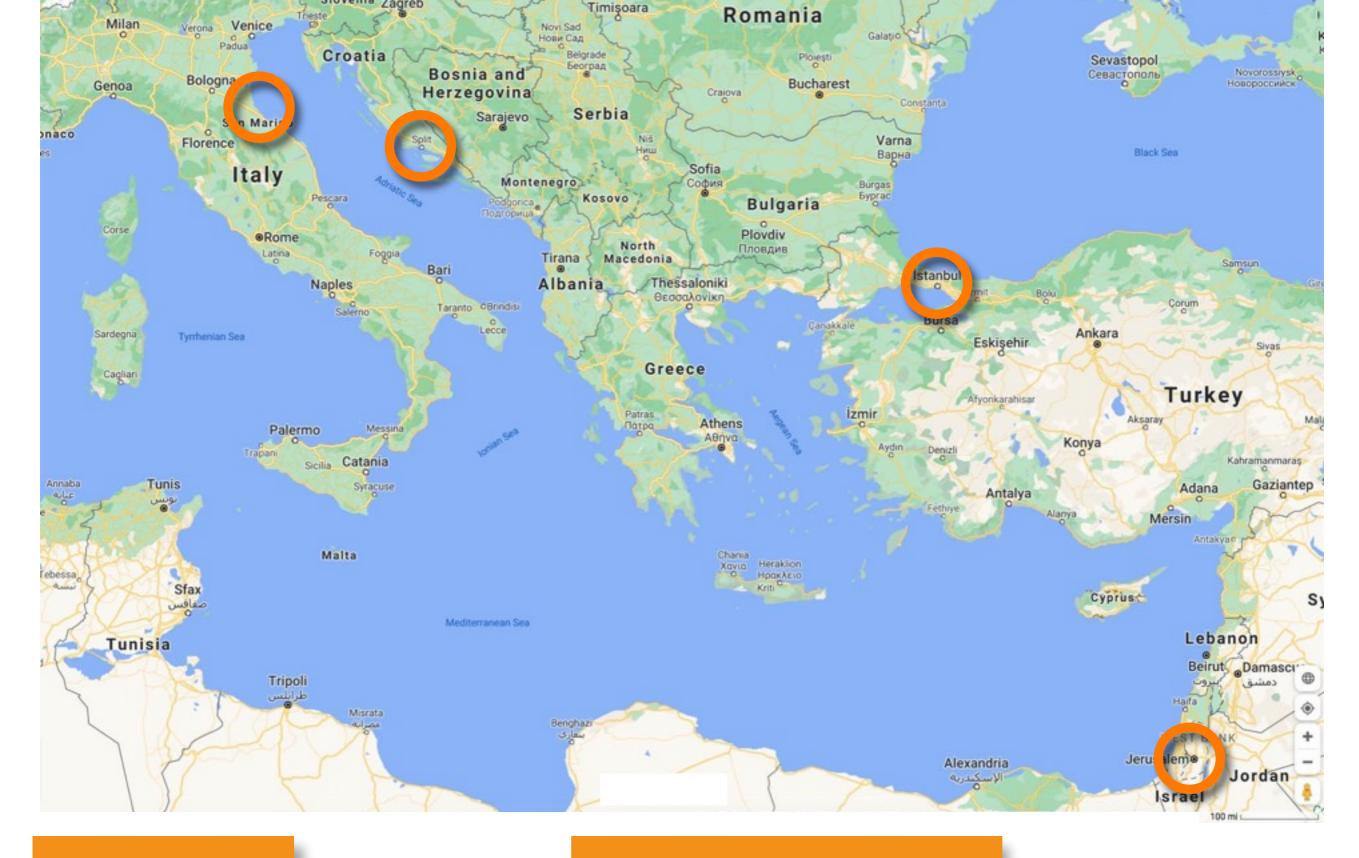


Penn Station New York (1911)

As a result, Rome is in decline as a source of imperial power....

Diocletian abdicates and moves to **Spalato** (now know as **Split**) on the Dalmation coast (modern-day Croatia)

He is sure to take with him the wealth and trappings of his empire, however...

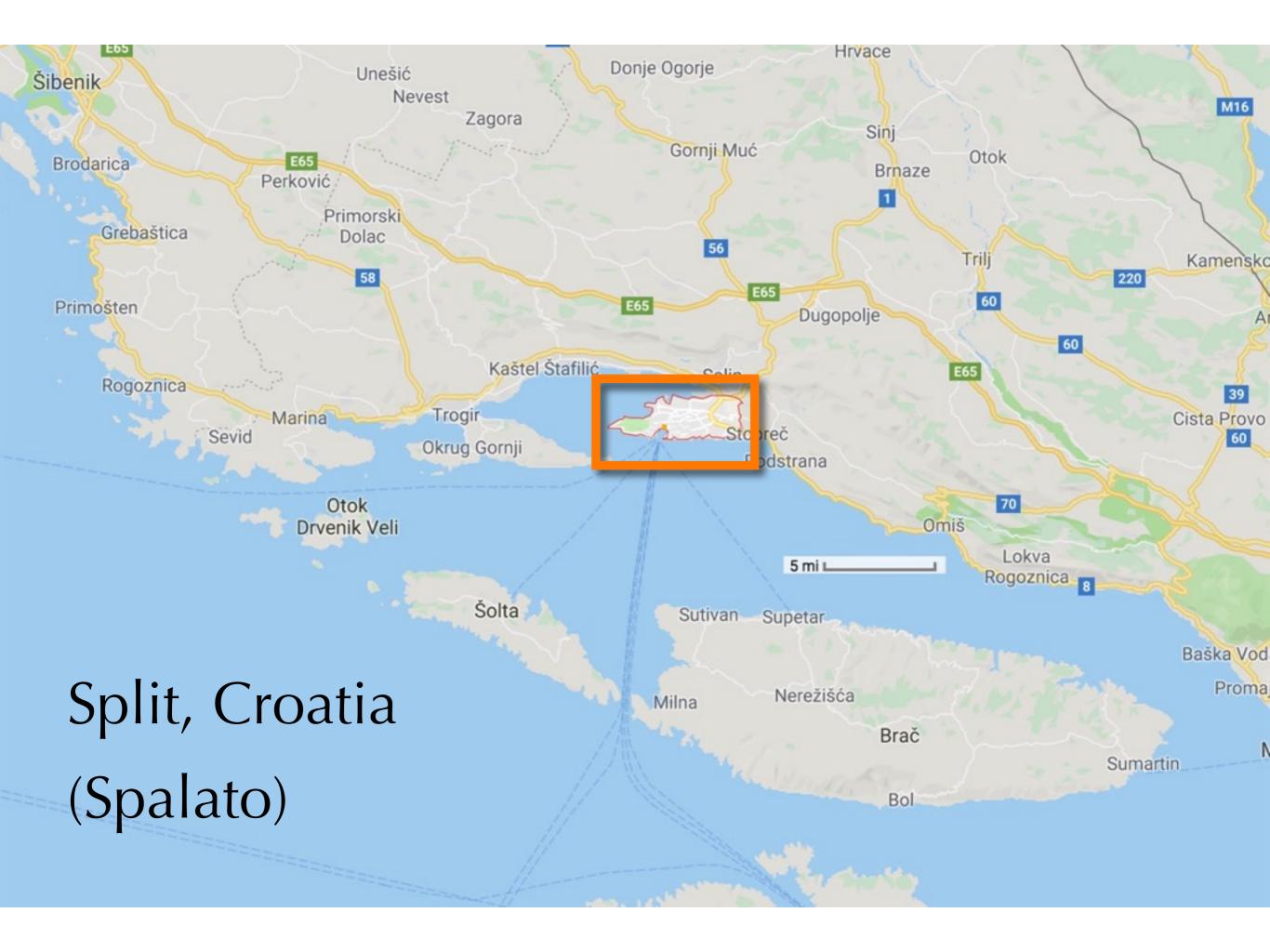


RAVENNA

CONSTANTINOPLE

SPLIT

JERUSALEM







DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE (300 — 310 CE)

becomes a prototype for medieval castles







Diocletian leaves a four-man ruling system in place

tetrarchs

(tetra means four)



Figure 6.1-1 Trier, Germany. Constantine's Basilica, ca. 300.

Constantine in Trier (Germany)

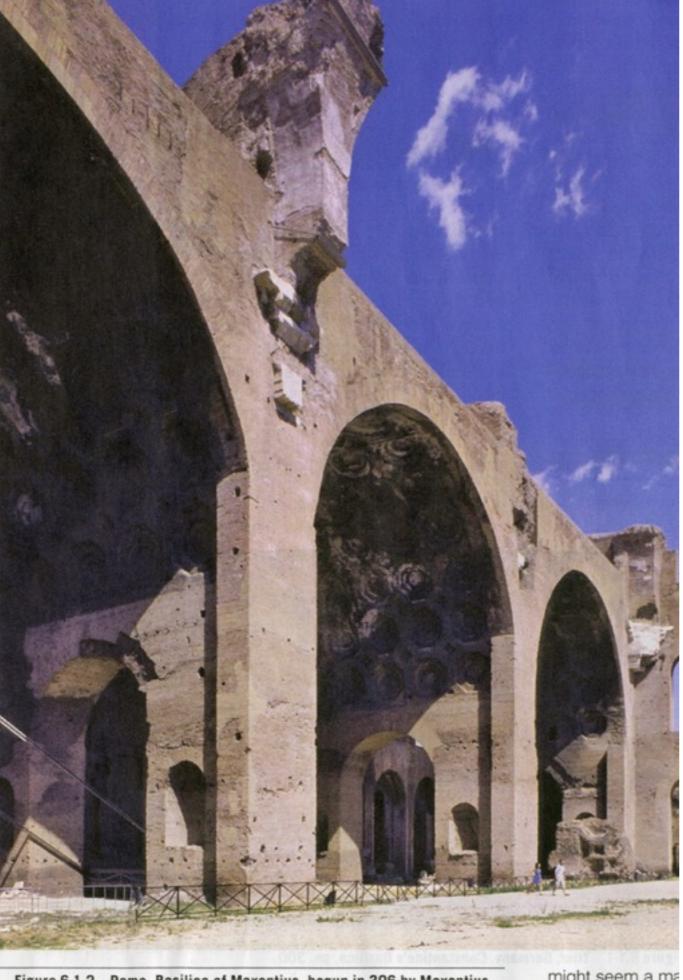


Figure 6.1-2 Rome. Basilica of Maxentius, begun in 306 by Maxentius and finished by Costantine.

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Maxentius in Rome



The Roman Forum

Constantine defeats Maxentius in the Battle of Milvian Bridge in 312 CE and takes control — attributes victory to his sympathy for Christianity

Constantine very pro-Christian (Diocletian had persecuted Christians)

Roman Senate rewards Constantine with his own *arch* next to the colosseum *Arch of Constantine (315 CE)*



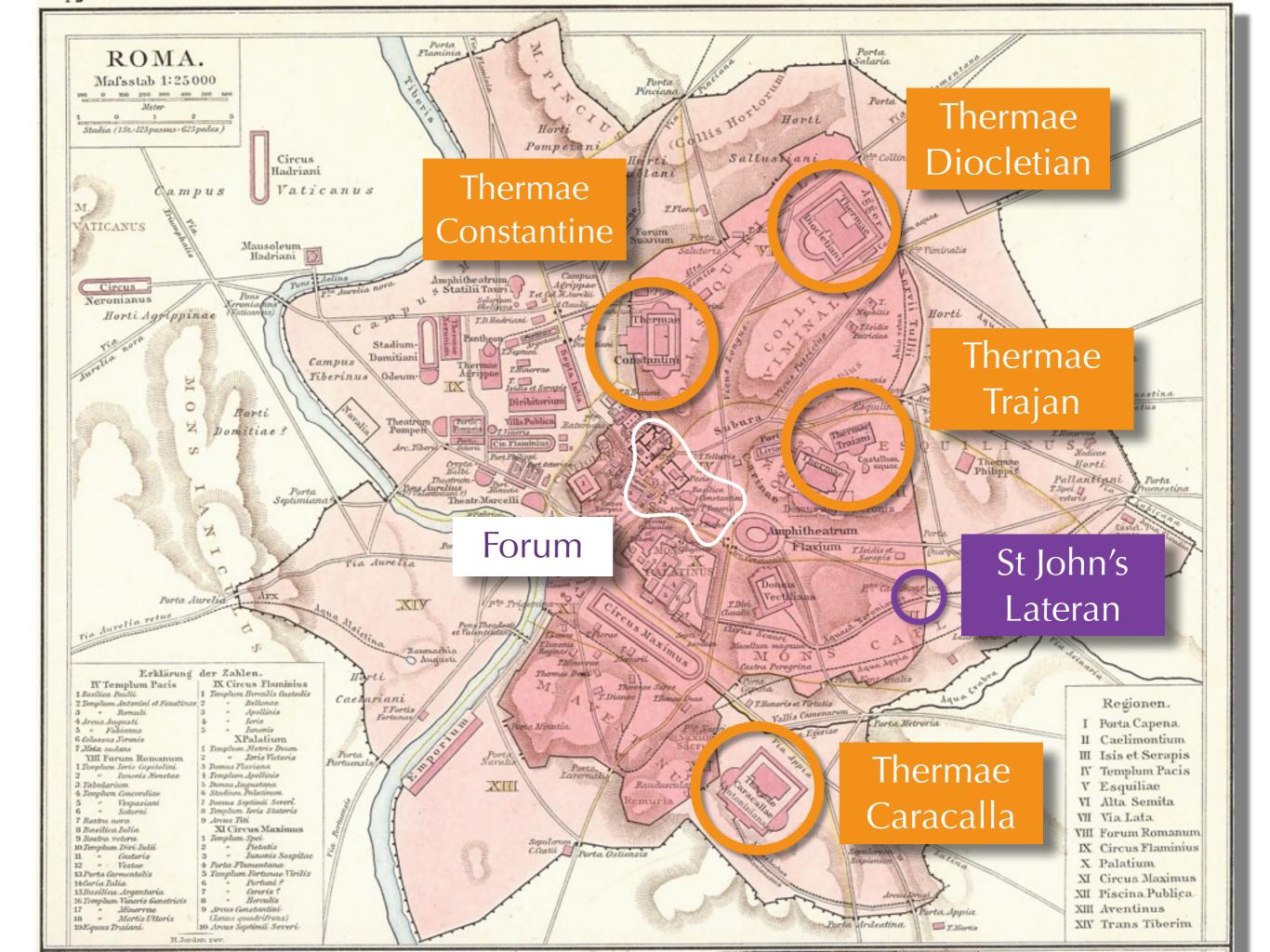
Constantine attributes his victory over Maxentius to his faith in **Christianity**

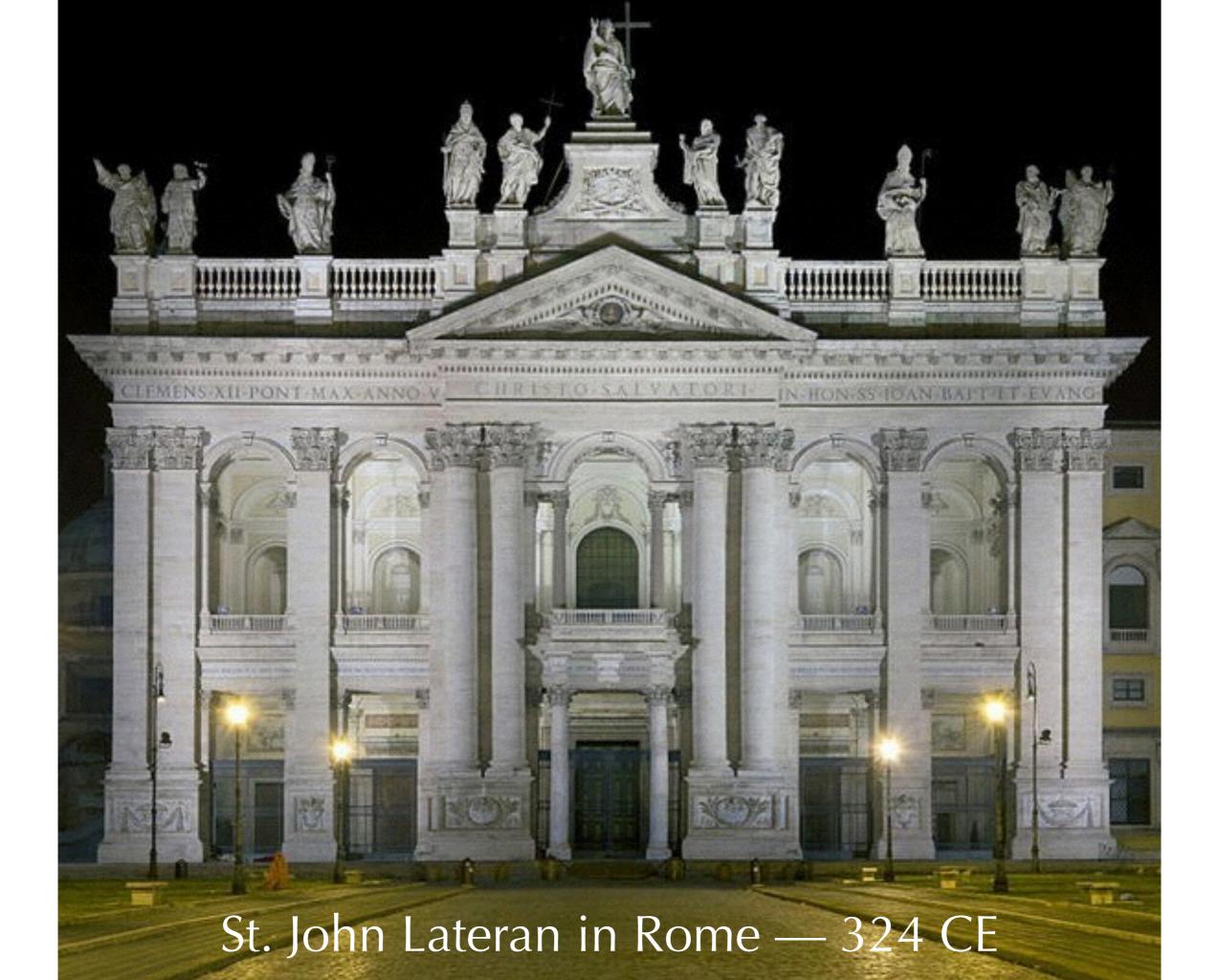
In **324 CE** Constantine builds the first imperially-sponsored Christian church

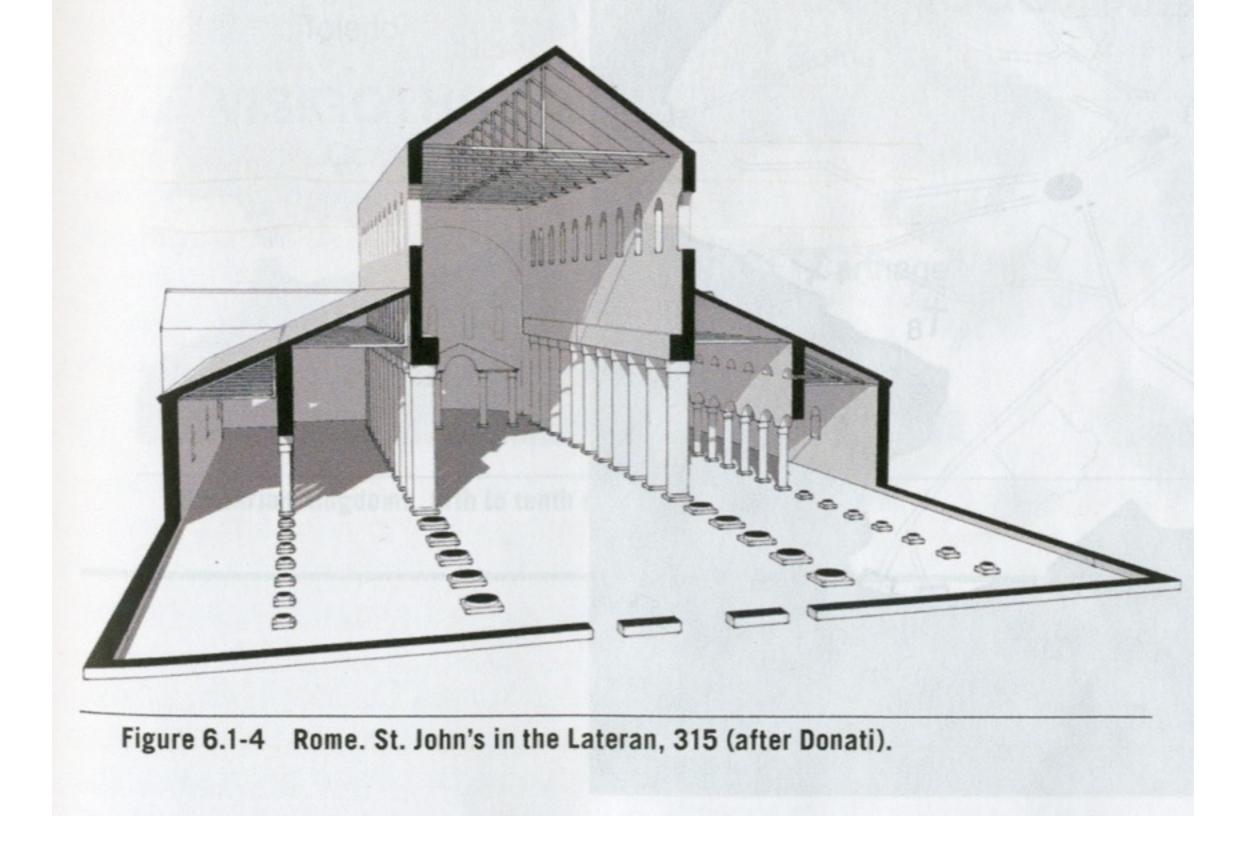
~ St. John Lateran ~

which in the south of Rome, turns it's back to the pagan forum

The Archbasilica of Rome







Constantine's new cathedral St. John Lateran (turns its back on imperial Rome)



St. John Lateran's Baptistery sets the standard

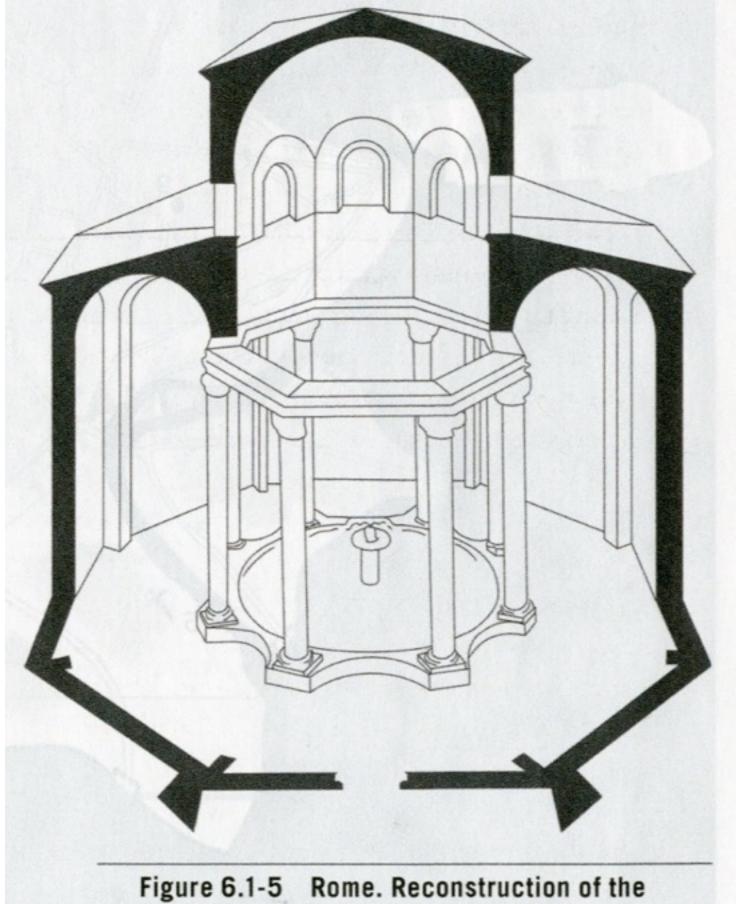


Figure 6.1-5 Rome. Reconstruction of the octagonal Lateran Baptistery, 315 (after Donati).

St. John Lateran in Rome

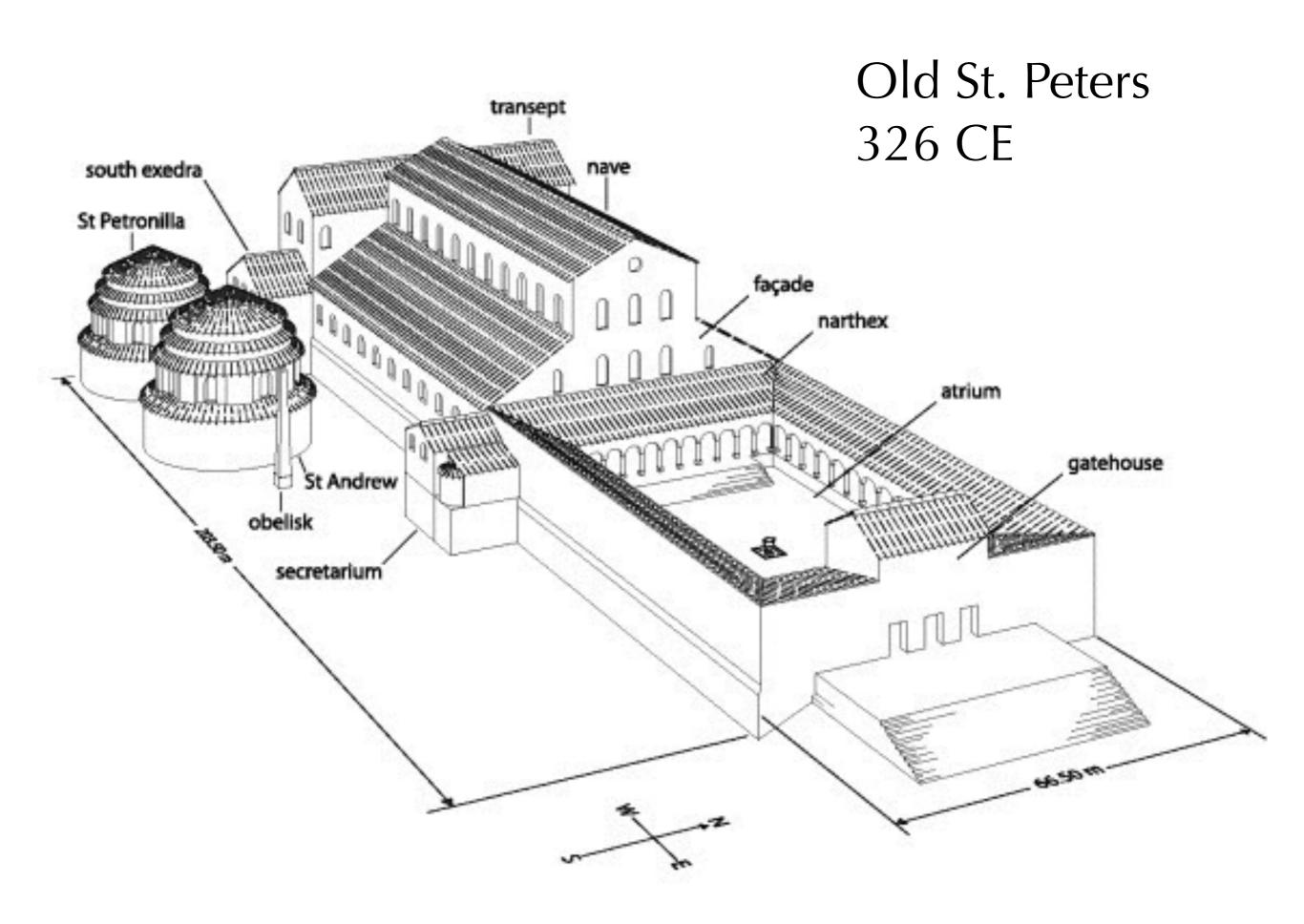
Baptistery

In 326 CE Constantinople builds

~ Old St. Peter's ~

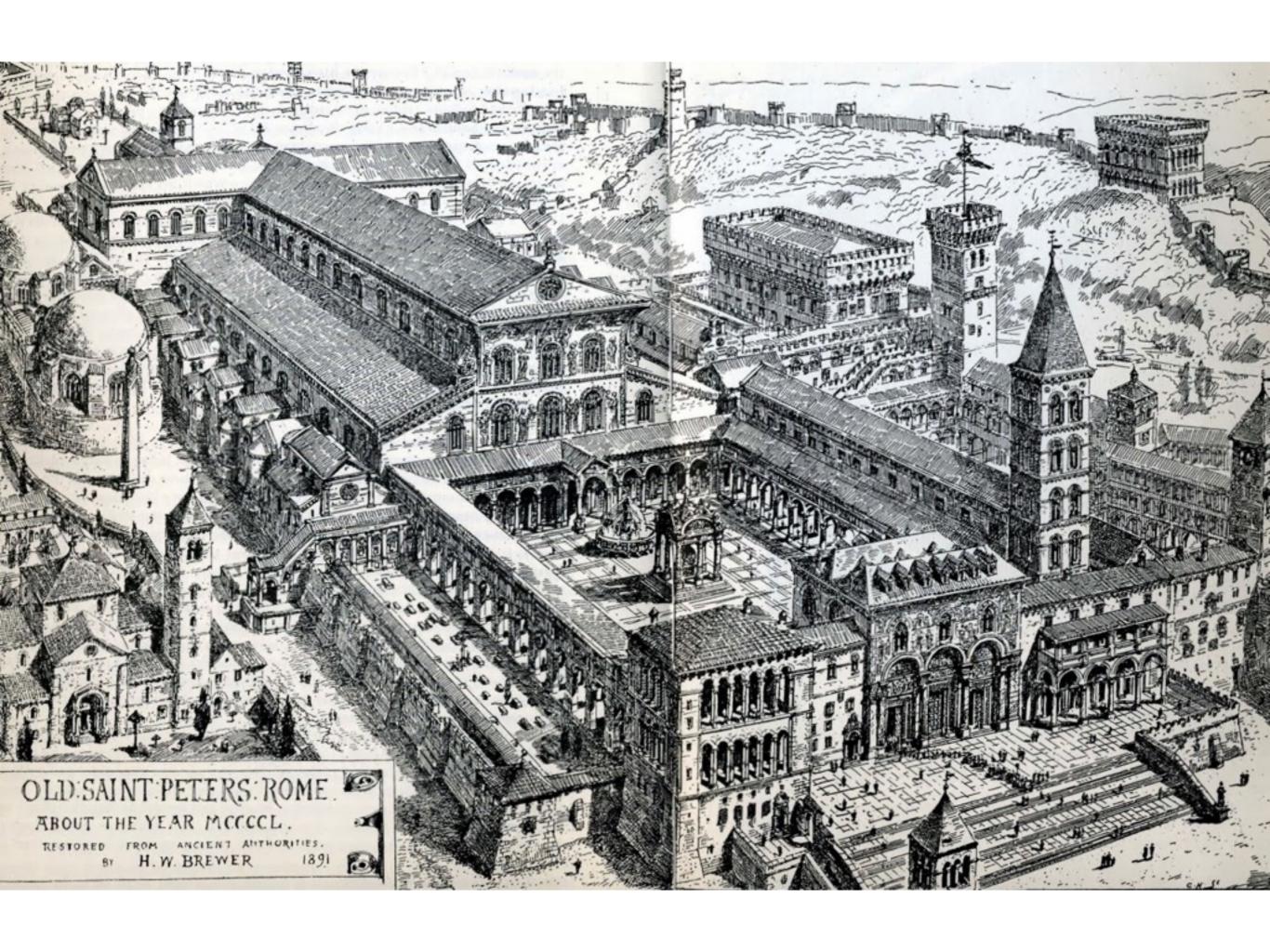
Up on Vatican Hill in the northwest of Rome. It's built over the bones of St. Peter which are buried in a sacred crypt under the crossing

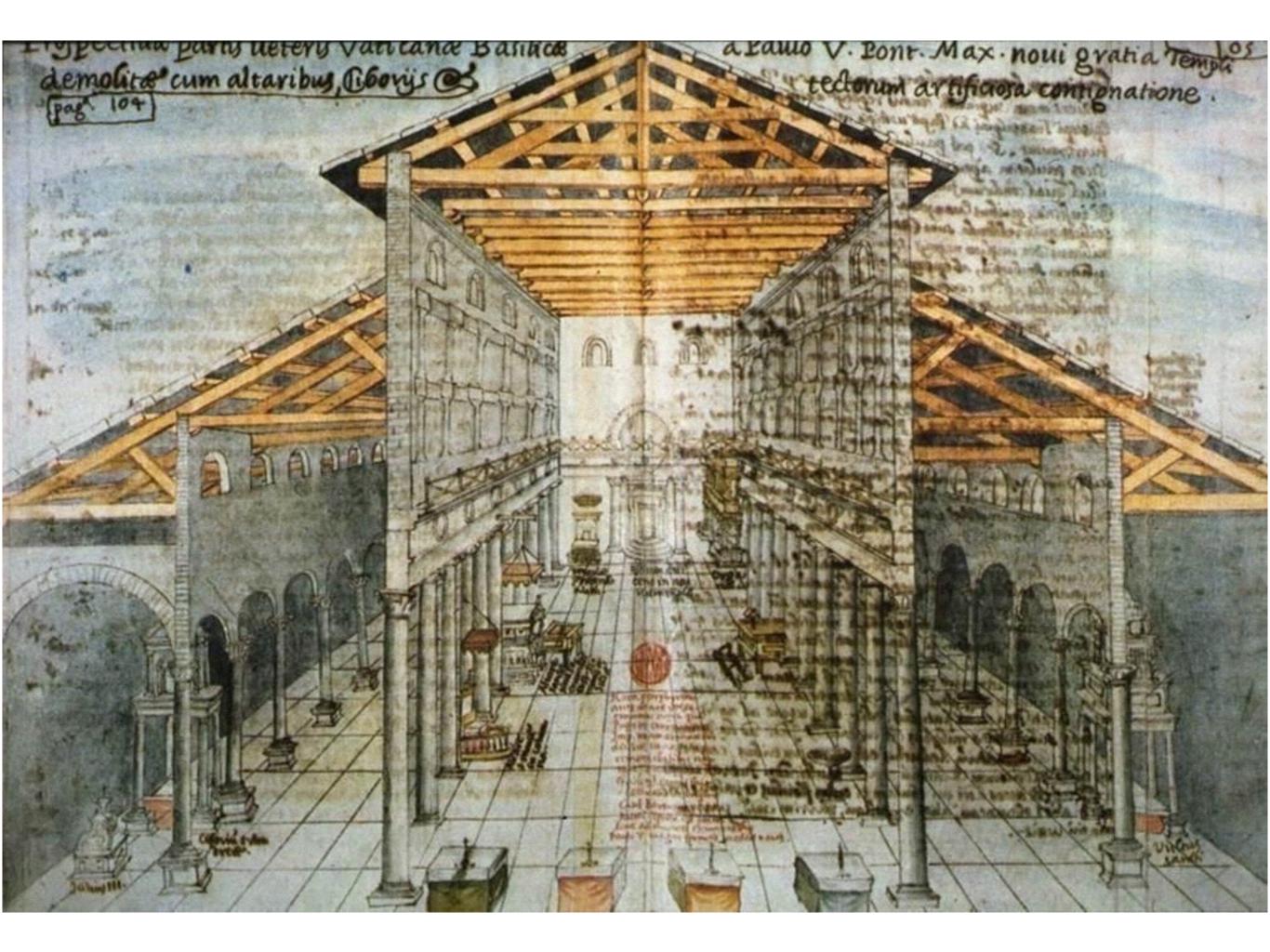
This is referred to as a *funereal basilica*





Old St. Peters — 326 CE





Old St. Peters stood until 1500, when it was replaced by the new St. Peter's basilica which we know and love today

Vocabulary of the Christian Church:

nave ambulatory baptistery narthex crossing transept crypt spolia



Constantine moved capital of Roman Empire to Byzantium in 330 CE

Byzantium is renamed Constantinople

Constantine finished
Maxentius's basilica
before leaving town but
adorned it with a colossal
statue of himself and it
became Constantine's
Forum

FALL OF ROME 476 CE

- >> Rome declines further after Constantine departure
- >> Visigoths sack Rome in 410 CE
- >> Vandals sack Rome in 450 CE
- >> Rome falls in 476 CE
- >> Franks invade and kill many 576 CE
- >> 476 CE marks the beginning of the Dark Ages or Middle Ages



But all those misfortunes not preclude the *Pantheon* from being **consecrated** a Christian Church in *609 CE*

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