1 Eastern Catholicism



2 Eastern Catholic Churches

- Self-governing churches that recognize the authority of the pope
- · Follow traditions distinct from those of the largest group of Catholics (the Latin Church)
- Originated in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and India

3 Terminology

- Also called Oriental Catholics and Eastern Rite Catholics
- · May be identified according to liturgical tradition
 - Byzantine Catholic or Greek Catholic
 - Antiochian
 - Armenian
 - Chaldean
 - Alexandrian

4 Uniate Churches

- Formerly Eastern Orthodox churches that rejected the pope's authority
- Reconciled with the Catholic Church in return for help against the Turks