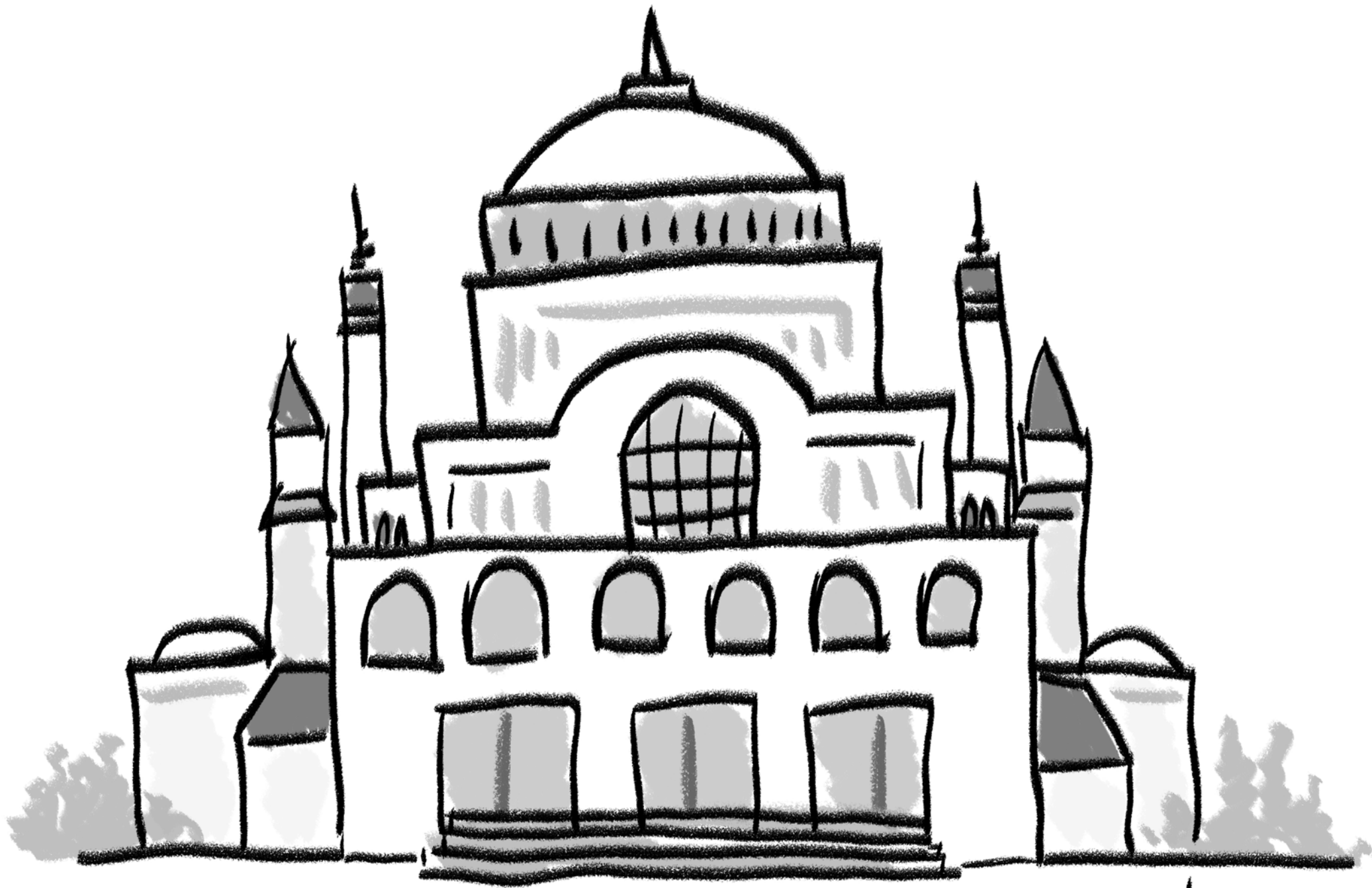


Maximus

the Confessor





Constantinople
610-613 c.

Maximus started his journey
as a civil servant of the
Byzantine Empire.

He was a young
man rising in
political life
quickly.

Hey guys!
How are you!

We're
doing
very
well!



But Maximus was unsatisfied with political life.

Money,
promotion,
and money.

War,
money,
and war.

HA HA
HA HA
HA!

How about
You Maximus?

Life?
Mystery?
God?

Maximus realized he wanted
something different.

What
a dork.



I should
resign.



But he had to
tell the Emperor.

Hey Maximus!
My favorite
employee.
What brings
you here?

Well I'm
here to...
resign.

Do you
HATE
your
Emperor?



OF course
NOT. I Love
you Lord
Heraclius.
I'm only
leaving to
become a
monk.

So you
Love God
more
than me?

Why is he
like this?



Chrysopolis

Maximus Setteled into Monastic
life and grew spiritually.

You and
your child
be blessed.

Thank you
Father.

He would become
Abbot of the
Monastery...

...leaving his political
life behind.



Or so he
thought...

The person who
loves God
Cannot help
loving every
man as himself.





What kind
of message
is this
from God!



Abbot! We
must leave!
The Persians
are sacking
the city!



Although he escaped
to North Africa...



Maximus wasn't
sure if the church
could escape
the Empire.





North Africa Carthage

641c.

Emperor
Heraclius
is dead.
His sons
will rule.

Maximus
would hear
of more wars
and rumors
of wars as
he continued
his Priestly
duties.

But the war within
the Emperor's family
would impact Maximus
most of all.

Heraklonas
shall rule
with
Constans III

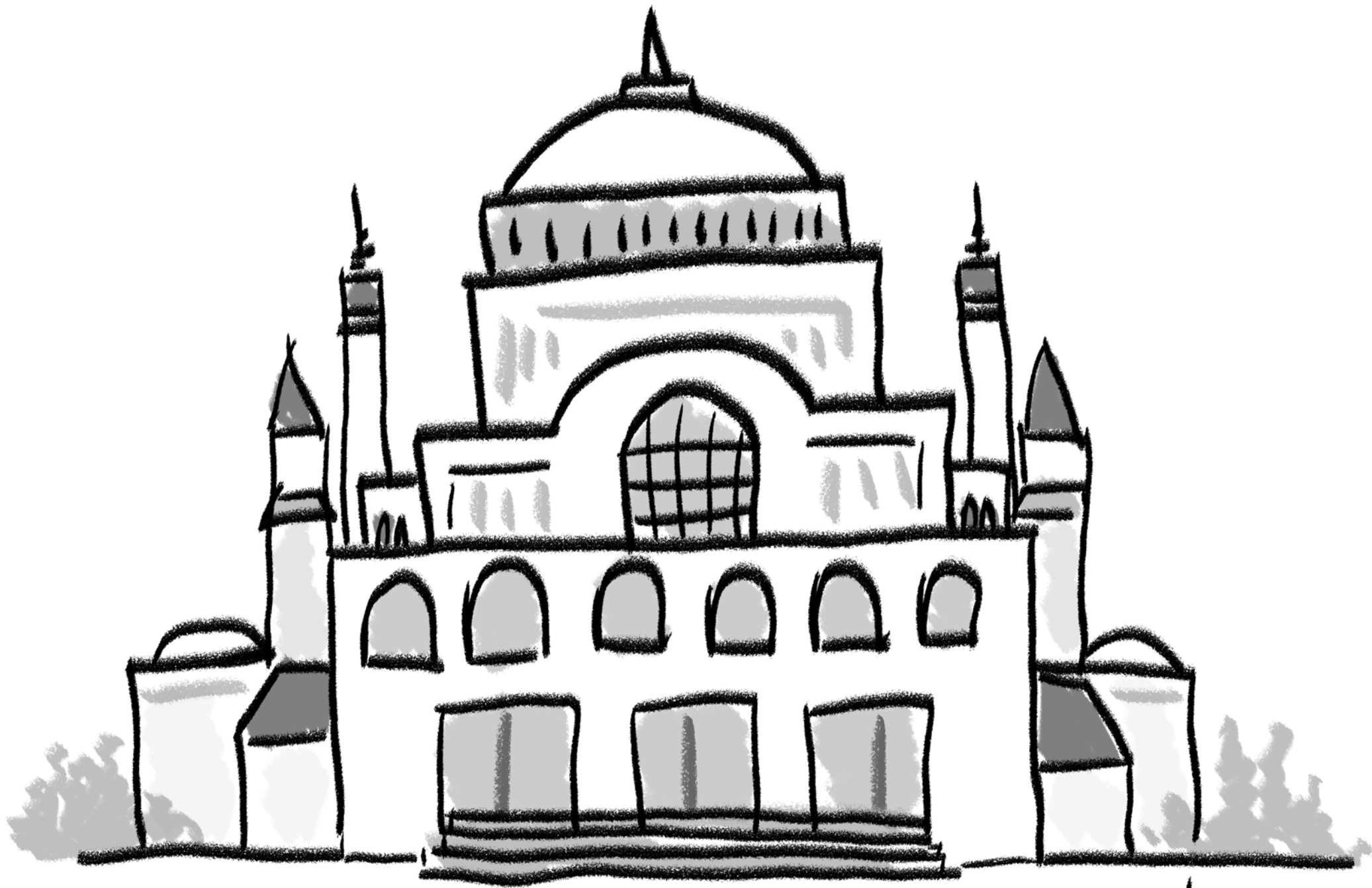


Also 641c.

Murder and
power struggles
set the tone.

Heraklonas
is dead. He
was a
bastard
literally.

Constans II
will rule.
Yes he's 11
a but he's
a fast
learner.



Constantinople

648 Constans II

Lord Constans,
the Bishops
are planning to
call another
council to
again debate
Christology.

Didn't we already
decide Christ has
two wills in ONE
nature?!

Yes Emperor,
but...

BUT NOTHING! Tell them
no one is allowed to
debate Christology in
my Empire or else!

I will
write
your
Typos.



Rome
649 c.

Meanwhile, clergy discussed Christology.

We must stop
the teaching of
monothelitism.

We
should
call a
council
to debate
this!

I agree.

The Emperor
has banned all
debates about
Christ and
monothelitism

THOOM





Who DOES
HE THINK
HE IS? GOD?

HE'S
A BOY
AND
HARDLY
A MAN!

HE CAN'T EVEN
GROW A BEARD
LET ALONE AN
EMPIRE!





WE MUST
DEFEY
THE
EMPEROR!

This is how
Maximus' worst
troubles began...

To be cont'd...