

HANDOUT FOR LECTURE 16: EARLY CHRISTIAN ARCHITECTURE

PEOPLES

Huns (Attila the Hun)

Visigoths

Constantine (272 - 22 May 337)

Emperor Justinian (482-565)

CONCEPTS

martyrium (pl: martyria)

aisle

apse

nave

narthex

clerestory

transept

dome

icon

ambo

iconostasis

eucharist and transubstantiation

PLACES

Debre Damo, Ethiopia (6th century)

Cathedral of Syracuse, Sicily (6th century)

Old St. Peter's Basilica (ca. 330)

Basilica of St. Paul-Outside-the-Walls (originally built in 380,
Constantinople (330)

Hagia Sophia, Istanbul (540-560)

Armenia

Basilica of Saint Mark, Venice, begun 832, rebuilt 978

Principal Sites of Early Christian Architecture

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