

Feature on the fall of the Byzantine Empire (VIDEO)



[A feature on today's bleak anniversary of the fall of Constantinople is found on webpages of the Orthodoxia News Agency.](#)

May 29th this year marks the 566th anniversary of the fall of Christendom's most important metropolis in the east to the Ottoman Turks — after a siege of nearly two months.

Several thousand defenders of the 1000-year capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, known in our days as Byzantium, fell in battle, including the last emperor Constantine Paleologos, against a force of nearly 100,000 invaders.

Historians, theologians and university professors detail the events that led up to the heroic last stand and fall of Constantinople – a milestone event in the history of Hellenism and the entire Near East.

