

The Hagia Sophia

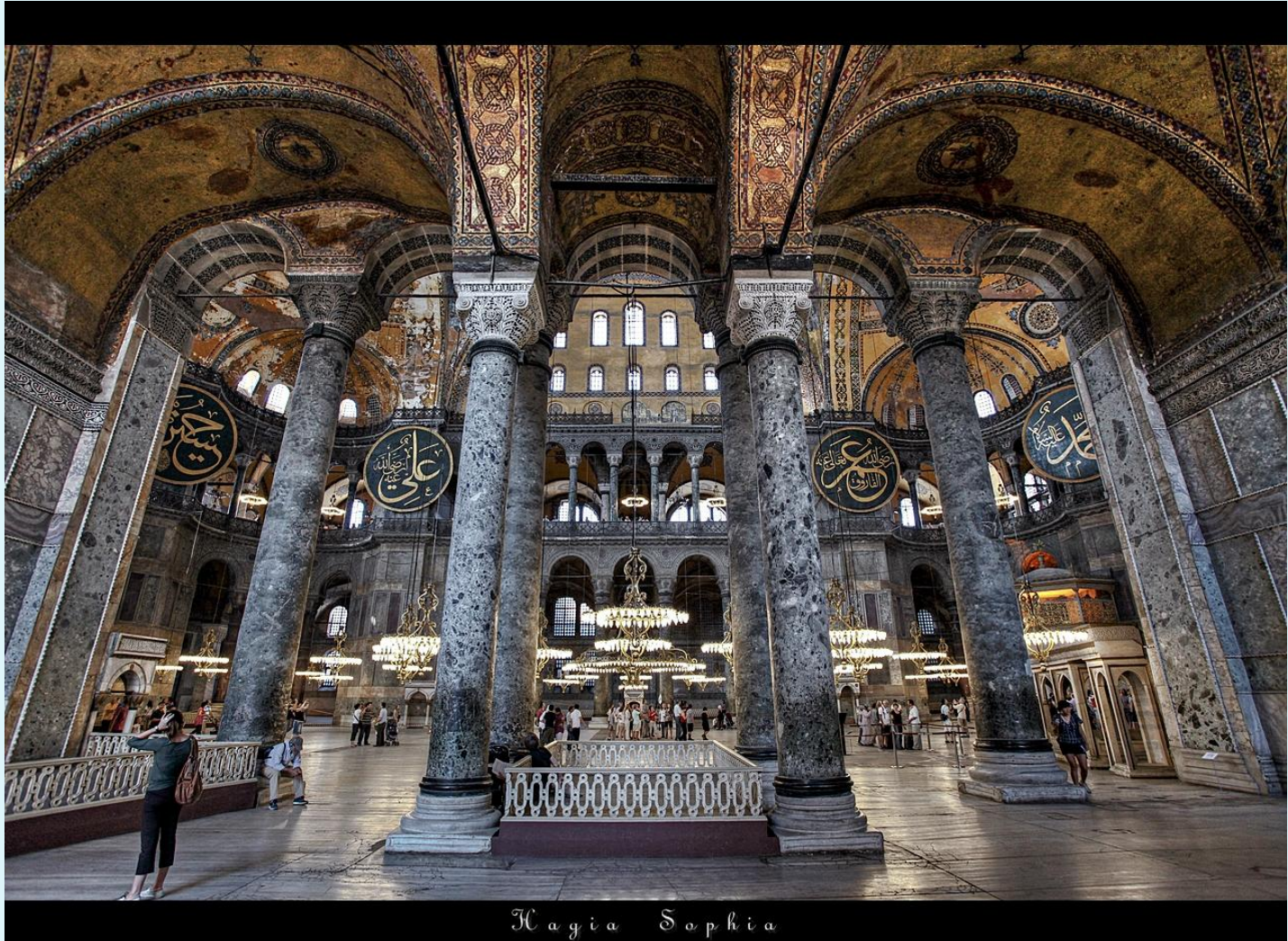
A tribute to Justinian I



The Hagia Sophia today



The main entrance



Hagia Sophia

The main dome of the building



The walls and ceilings contain many detailed murals and mosaics



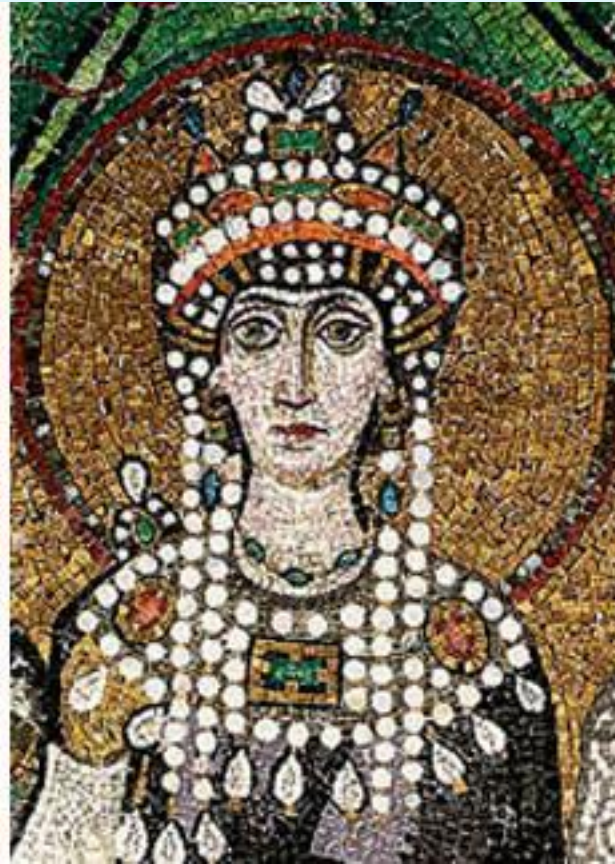
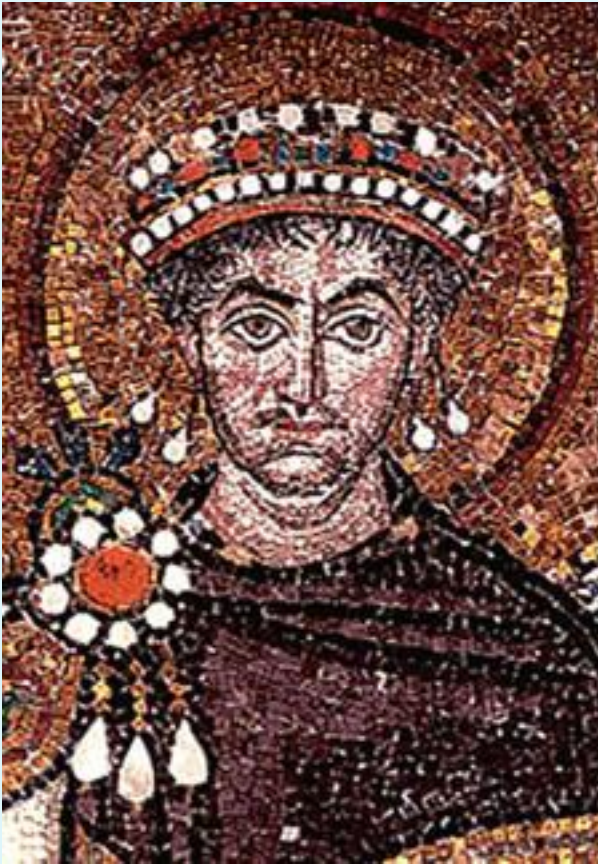
**This Basilica is a tribute to the Empress
Theodora, wife of Justinian I**



The center figure is Justinian I



Justinian and Theodora together



A close-up of the mosaic containing Theodora



Many murals and mosaics depict Christianity



Note the Cyrillic language telling part of the story of Jesus Christ



The Madonna and Child receiving gifts from two of the three (kings) wise men

