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Greek church the consecrated bread is dipped in the wine and administered with the golden spoon. That way the laity receives the wine and the bread at one time, while the clergy receives them separately as in the Roman church. The immaculate conception of the virgin Mary, of course, was adopted by the Roman church in 1854. That has never been accepted by the Greek church but in the practice of the worship of the virgin Mary they go every bit as far as the Roman church. One interesting difference between the two which was never thought of when they first divided is the fact that the, in the Roman church a change was made in the calendar and the Greek church was very slow to adopt this change, as were the portestants. However, the protestants adopted it long before the Greek church adopted it. I believe that--well Russia, of course, has been the largest portion of the Greek church since the Mohammedans conquered Constantinople, and in Russia the Gregorian calendar, which was adopted in the 16th century by the Roman catholic church, and which was adopted in the late 18th century by most of the protestant churches, was not adopted by Russia until the beginning of the Bolshevik revolution in 1919 and I believe Greece adopted it as recently as 1936, but the Greek orthodox church has, I believe, quite steadfastly held to the old calendar, which makes its Easter come about two weeks after the Western church. When I was in Jerusalem in 1929 we had our Easter celebration in Jerusalem at the same time the Roman catholic church had it and then two weeks later they had the Greek Easter and they had ceremonies all over. Now, of course, that is a difference which has come in later and was never dreamed of at the time. The real difference has been over the claim of the Bishop of Rome, which the Eastern church has never accepted. Student) Yes! / 16th and in the 18th. I don't have the exact date on hand here. It was adopted by different countries at different times and of course that makes considerable confusion in dating. For instance, George Washington was born on February 11th but we celebrate his birthday on February 22d because it was during his lifetime that England adopted the Gregorian calendar and they just jumped all dates eleven days forward. He celebrated his birthday on the 22d the latter part of his life and we do now. That would be