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In the 5th century Sidonius Apolinar and Paulinus of Nola indicated that the apse should look towards the East, i.e. to the equinox, something later confirmed both by Pope Virgilius and by Isidoro of Seville

The orientation towards the East has a clearly symbology. It is in this direction where the Sun rises and thus Christ, as Sun as Justice, will emerge from there in the Last Judgment.

As is was reflected in the Council of Nicea the equinox was the Greek on March 21st, such as the entrance of the Sun in the sign of Aries





Is it oriented?

What direction?

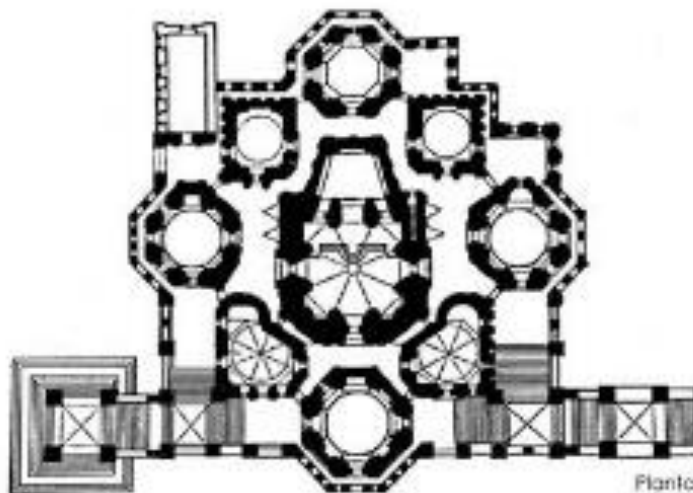
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Sección transversal

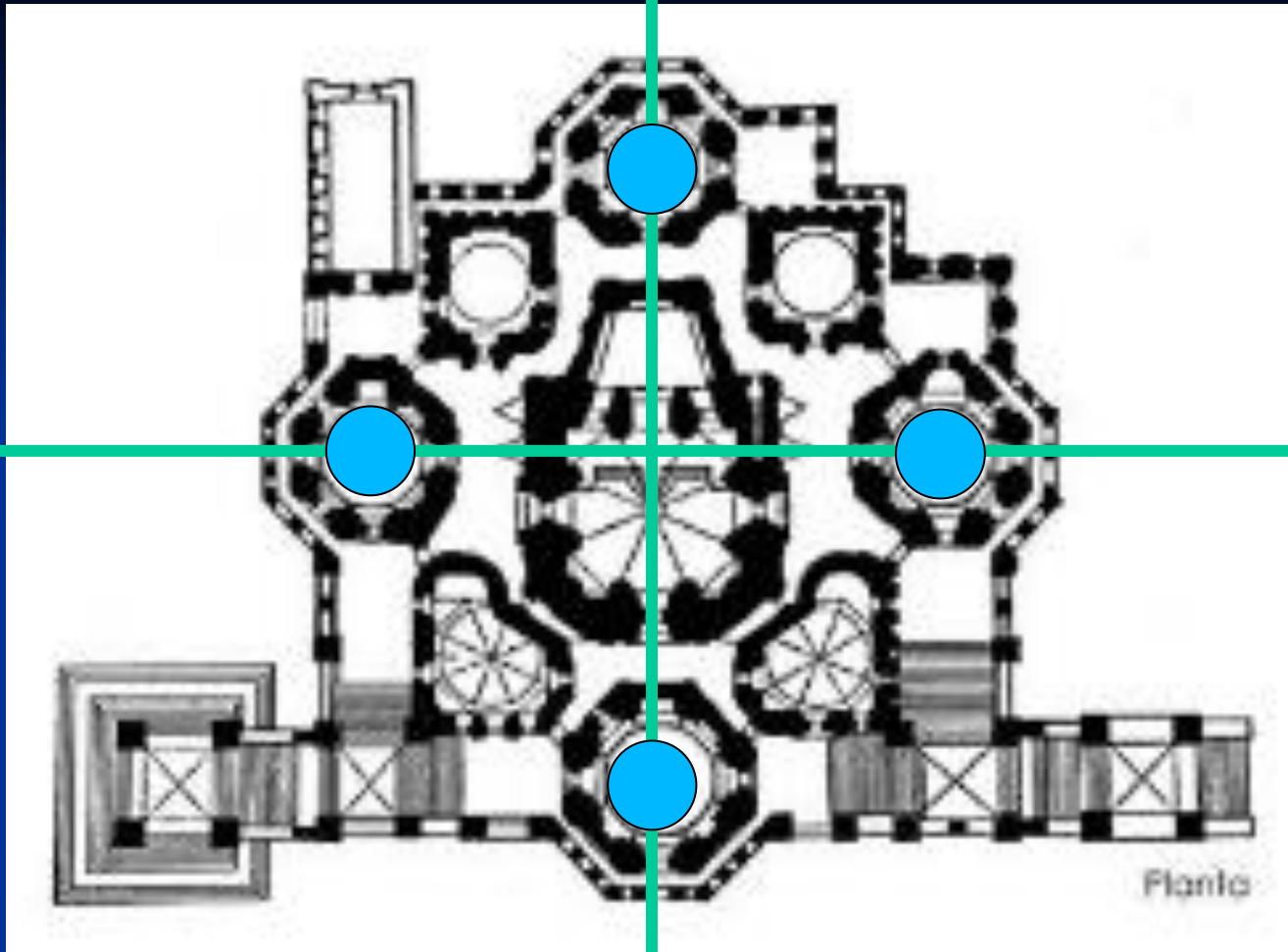


Alzado frontal

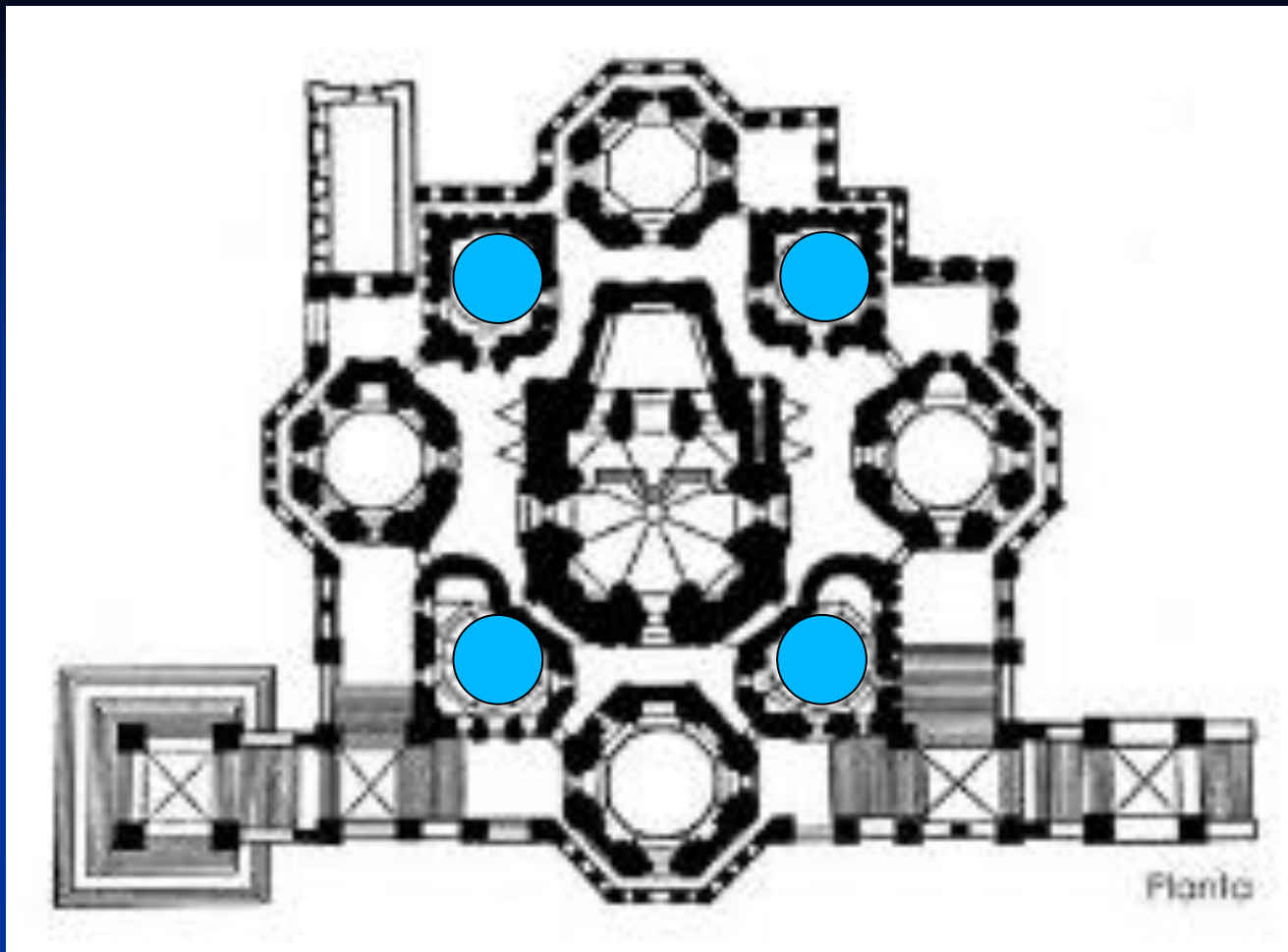


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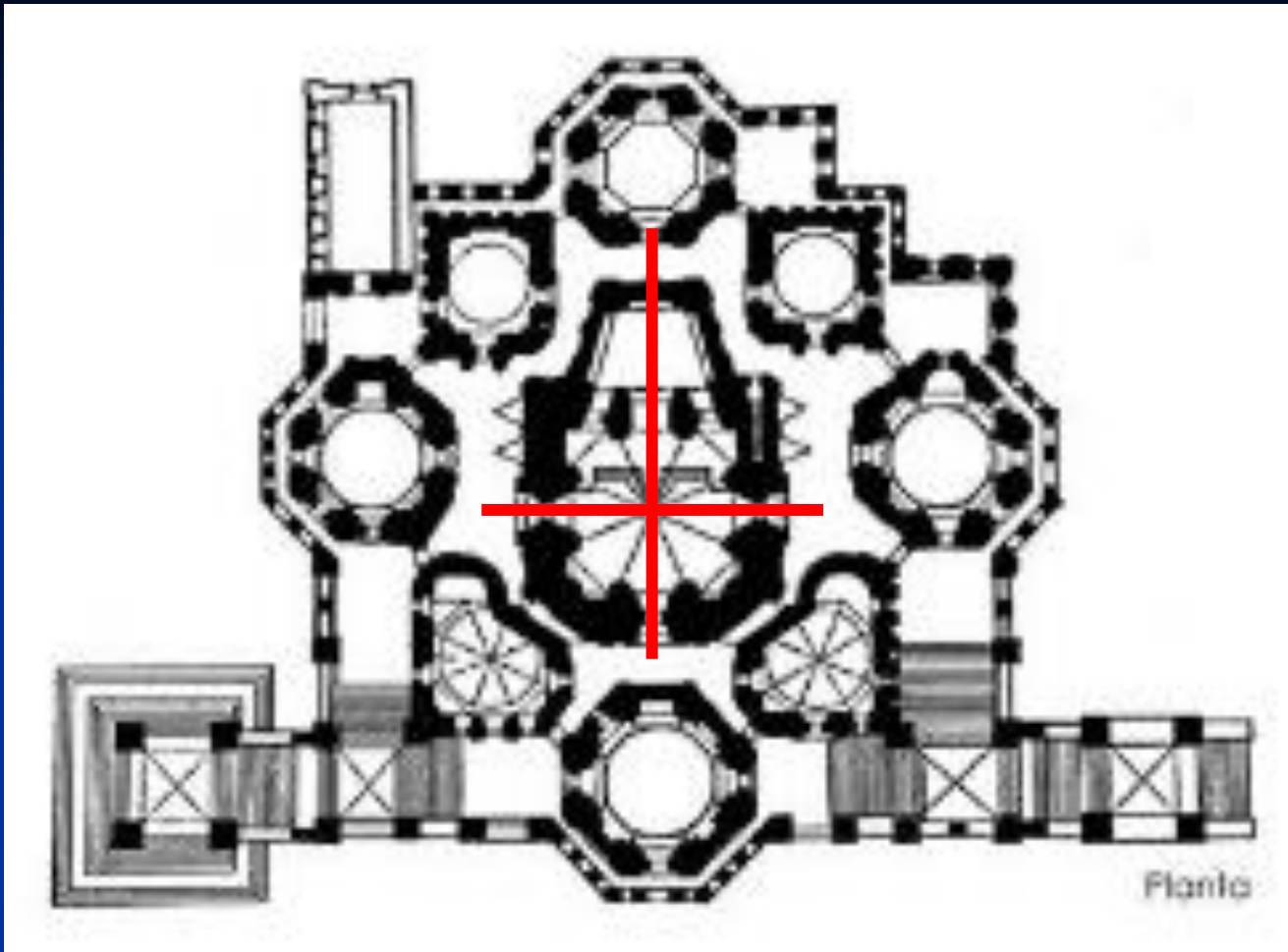




The plan of the church is symmetrical. There are 8 churches around the central one. There are 4 octagonal churches in the 4 cardinal points (N, S, E, W)



and there are 4 smaller churches situated in the diagonals (NE, NW, SE, SW).



What about the central church?
Is it oriented according Nicea?
And the other ones are oriented too?

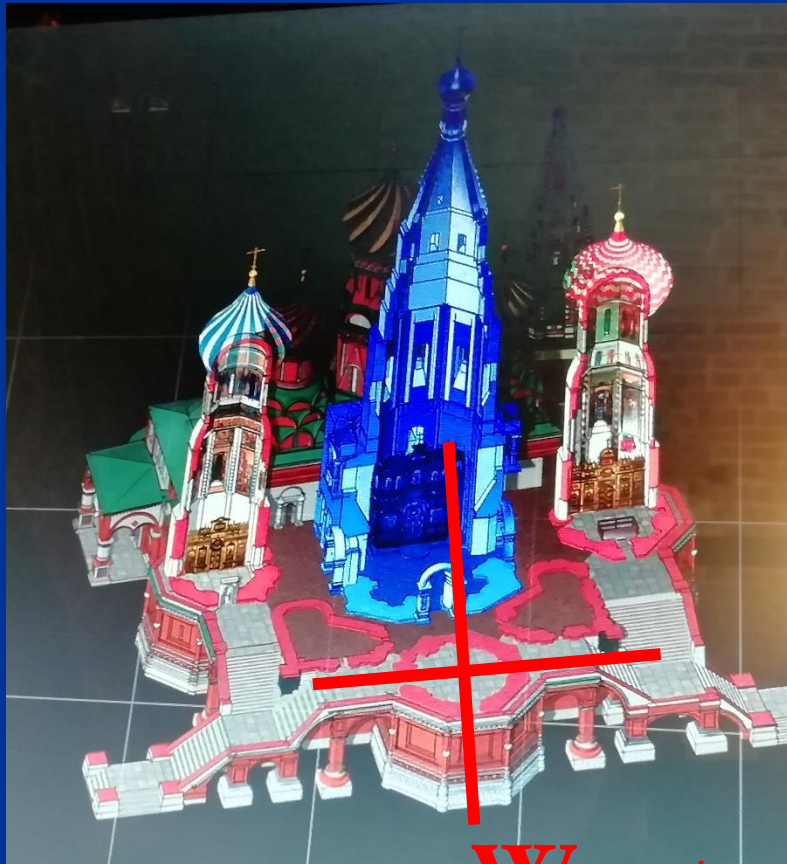
Nicea oriented with equinoxes
but could be with solstices?

Or with a special day with
religious significant?

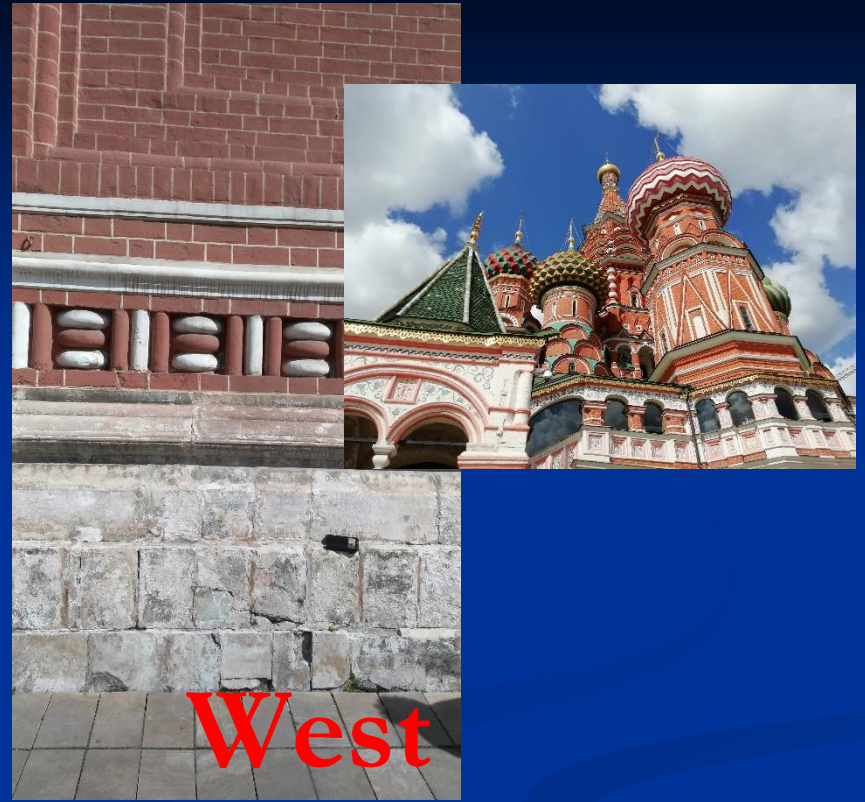
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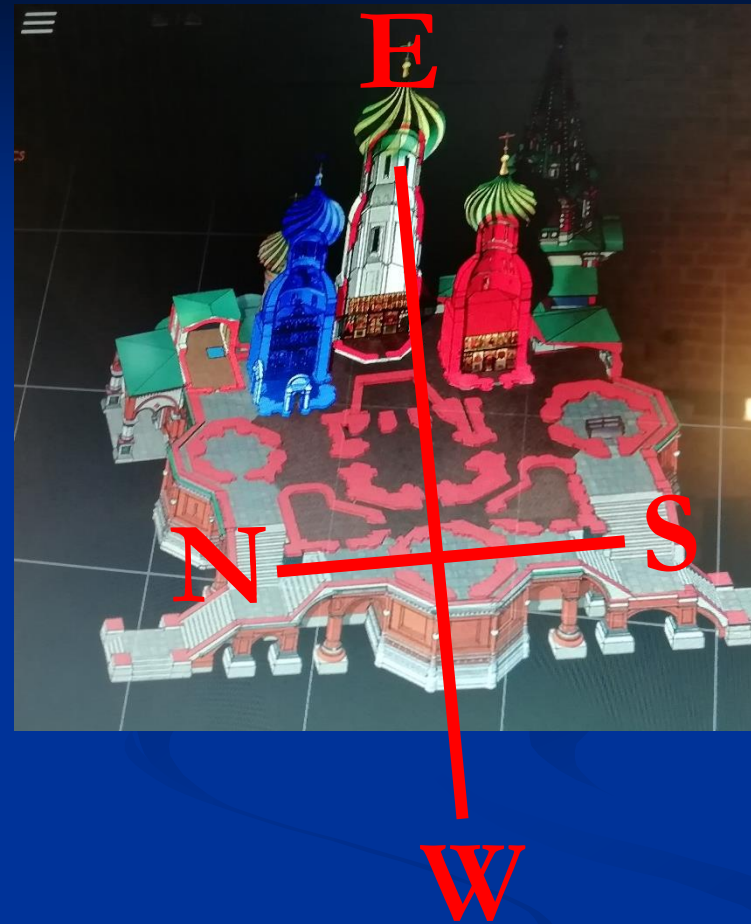
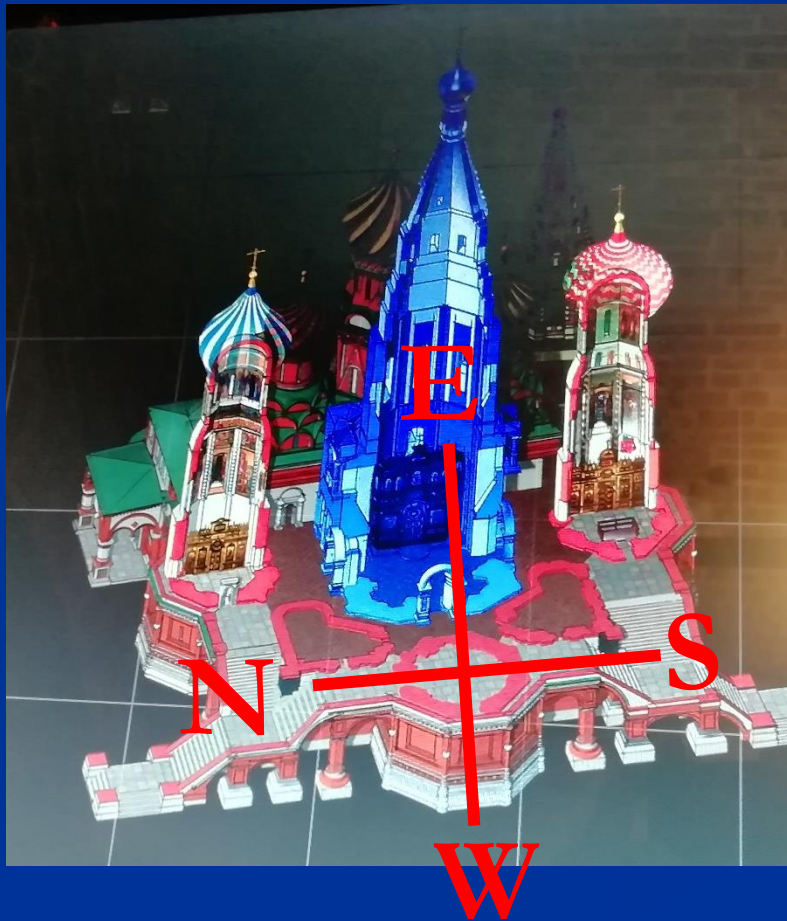


West



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All the churches
oriented



with the 8 “altars”
to the East



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Thank you very
much
for your attention!