

## **Glossary**

**Pendantive:** Curved triangle of vaulting formed by the intersection of a dome with its supporting arches.

**Narthex:** An antechamber, porch, or distinct area at the western entrance of some early Christian churches, separated off by a railing; an antechamber or large porch in a modern church.

**Buttress:** A structure of stone or brick built against a wall to strengthen or support it.

**Altar:** A table like structure for the celebration of the Sacraments in a Christian building; for sacrifice or offerings in antiquity.

**Aisle:** A passage or corridor parallel to the nave of a church or an ancient basilica and separated from it by columns or piers.