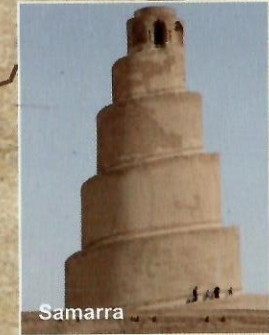
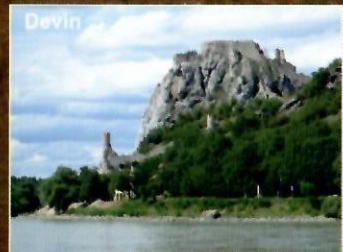


MISSIONS OF CONSTANTINE – CYRIL AND METHODIUS



ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

The Great Moravian ruler Prince Rastislav requested in 862 Byzantine Emperor Michael III to send him the teachers from Constantinople, which could bring to his people liturgy in local, understandable language and lay the ground for an independent church organization. Byzantine scholars selected for this task, the brothers Cyril and Methodius, born in Greek Thessalonica, had already rich diplomatic experience from their previous foreign missions. Their stay at the Great Moravia and their religious,

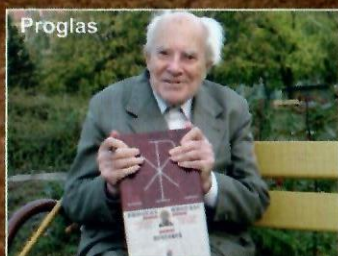


educational and cultural activities among Slavs played historical role not only for Slovaks but for all Slavic nations. Pope John Paul II named them the co-patrons of Europe in 1980.

In year 2018 we commemorate the 1155th Anniversary of the arrival of St. Cyril and Methodius to our ancestors. It is quite remarkable how these apostles of the Slavs are cherished in one of the youngest European states – in the Slovak Republic. Their names are mentioned in the preamble of the Slovak Constitution, cross in the state symbol is the graphical depiction of the Cyrillo-Methodian heritage, and the June 5th – the St. Cyril and Methodius day, is a public holiday.

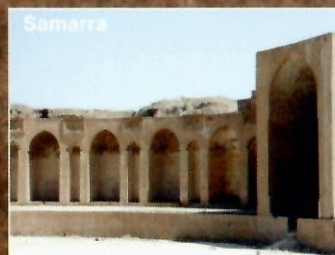
There are almost 80 churches dedicated to St. Cyril and Methodius in Slovakia (Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, as well as Orthodox). Two state universities (in Trnava and Nitra), big hospital in Bratislava and many other institutions are named after them. Thanks to the Slovak diplomacy, the monuments of the Byzantine brothers were placed around the world – in Rome, Ellwangen, or in front of the U.N. in New York. Based on the Slovak proposal St. Cyril and Methodius will be depicted at the new 2-Euro coins this summer.

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This exhibition is an attempt to create a photographic CV of St. Cyril and Methodius. Its author Pavol Demes in last three years visited places connected with their life and accomplishments. The famous Thessalonian brothers were part of three big missions sent by the Byzantine Emperor – to the Arab Empire, Khazar Empire, and finally to the Great Moravian Empire. Pictures presented in this exhibition are depicting historical monuments which remained at these sites, or are dedicated to St. Cyril and Methodius.



Samarra



Rome

Pavol Demes (1956) is an internationally recognised expert in the field of foreign policy and civil society who lives in Bratislava, Slovakia. He is also an accomplished photographer whose work was exhibited and published in many countries.

During his mapping of the life and work of St. Cyril and Methodius, several Slovak Embassies were of great help to him. Photographs with the text from these visits are regularly published at the portal of the Slovak Press Agency TASR. In the Republic Macedonia presents this exhibition in Skopje and Ohrid.



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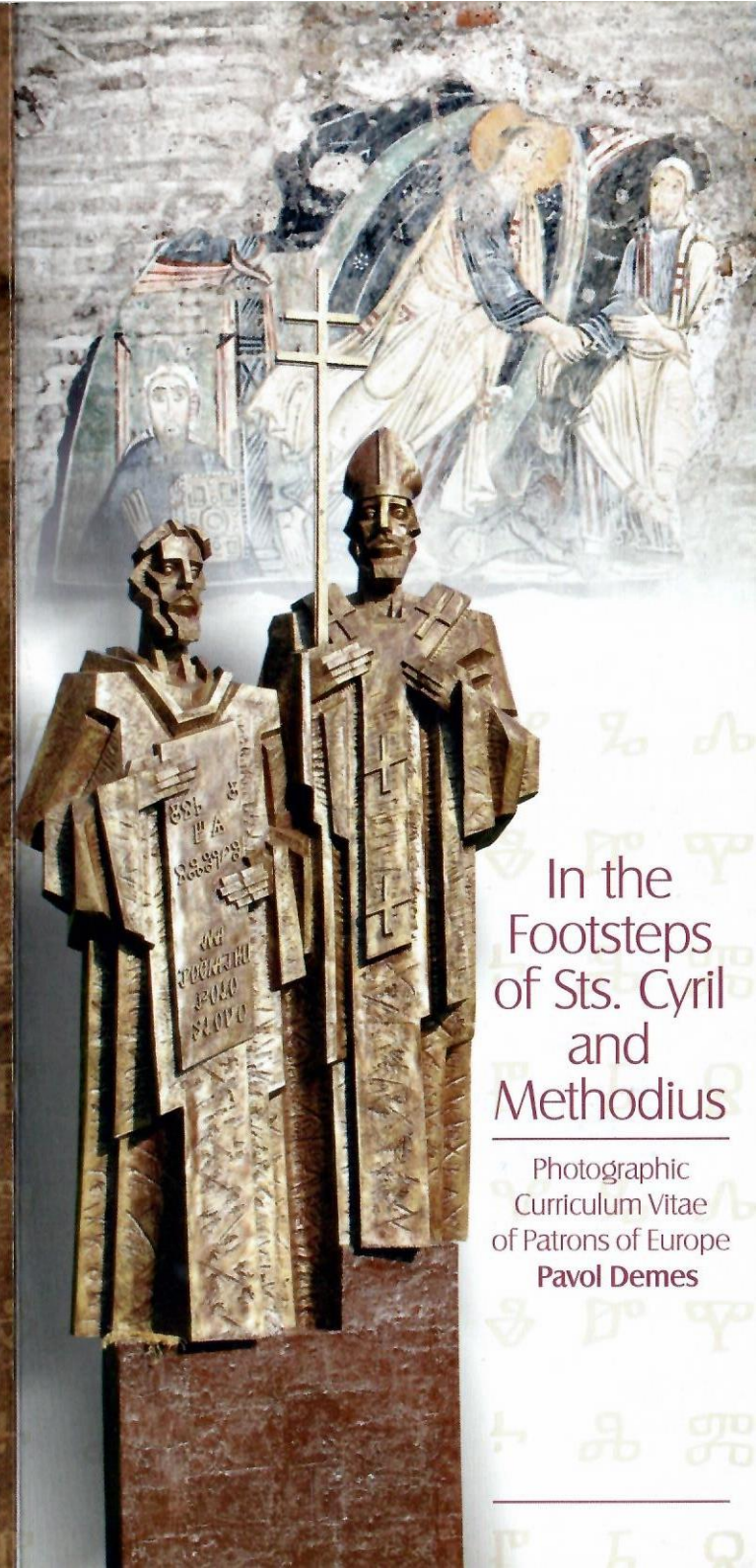
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