
Every year on July 5th, the Catholic Church in Slovakia celebrates the Feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Apostles of the Slavs. They are not only patron saints of Slovakia, but also co-patron saints of Europe. The two brothers came to Great Moravia in 863 from the Byzantine Empire and created the first writing for Slavs with the Glagolitic alphabet. Moreover, they translated Bible and liturgy into the language now known as Old Church Slavonic. In fact, these Greek brothers were the first Christian missionaries among the Slavic peoples of the Great Moravia and we thank them for the gift of faith. Dear fellow Branch Officers and Members of the Chicago District FCSLA, I am praying for us that we will be able to keep the heritage of our Fathers, which is the basis of the Slovak culture. Let us pray together for the intercession of our Apostles: Preserve the heritage of our Fathers, O Lord!

