



Konstantin Ostrozhsy.

On February 17, 2008 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue a souvenir sheet "Konstantin Ostrozhsy" prepared by the Publishing Centre "Marka" of the EUR "Belpochta".

Designers: Oksana Suzko & Ivan Lukin. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced. **Perforation:** comb 14^{1/4}. **Size** of the stamp in the souvenir sheet: 28x40 mm. **Size** of the souvenir sheet: 90x75 mm. **Print quantity:** 12.000.

Souvenir sheet No. 61



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Historical reference. Prince Konstantin Vasily Ostrozhsy (1526-1608) was born in Turov town on the territory of present Belarus. He was a descendant of Turov & Pinsk princes. Konstantin Ostrozhsy was the headman of Vladimir town, the governor of Kiev town. He was also a famous statesman.

Konstantin Ostrozhsy founded the Academy named after his name (1576) that was the only school for orthodox inhabitants of Belarusian and Ukrainian territories. The Academy had the middle and high stages and was notable for high standard of education

Konstantin Ostrozhsy was the founder of the Printing-house where the famous printer Ivan Fiodorov worked and where they printed educational, elucidative, theological and polemical literature. He organized the publication of the full code of biblical books in Slavic (1581).

Konstantin Ostrozhsy patronized the Orthodox Church, protected the rights of orthodox inhabitants of the Great Principality of Lithuania and Rzech Pospolita. He was the guardian of 600 temples and 200 cloisters near which he opened churches and hospitals.



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