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Architecture of Belarus. Orthodox Churches

On February 22, 2012 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue the souvenir sheet "Architecture of Belarus. Orthodox churches".

Designer: Ivan Lukin. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** multicoloured. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** frame 14^{1/4}:14. There are 2 stamps in the souvenir sheet. **Size** of the stamps: 28x40 mm. **Size** of the souvenir sheet: 125x75 mm. While printing the souvenir sheets they used the technology of thermal stamping by metalized foil of golden colour. **Print quantity:** 15.000 souvenir sheets.

Historical reference: The St. Sophia cathedral in Polotsk is the most ancient Christian shrine in Belarus. It was built in the 11th century as a symbol of equality with Constantinople and rivalry with Kiev and Novgorod having the same cathedrals.

Now the cathedral has an organ concert hall and a museum of architectural history of the St. Sophia cathedral exposing the fragments of masonry of the 11th century, the ancient foundation and frescoes of the late 11th century.

The St. Sophia cathedral in Polotsk is among the candidates for inclusion into the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The Monument church is dedicated to All Saints and the memory of our compatriots who unjustly perished. It is the main spiritual national monument to the citizens of Belarus and Belarusians that left our country because of revolutions, wars and repressions.

The first stone into the foundation of the Monument church was put by His Holiness Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Alexy II. The construction began in summer 2006 and is almost finished now.

The buildings of the Monument church were made of monolithic concrete. They have unusual architectural and constructive design.

Souvenir sheet No. 86

No. 903

St. Sophia cathedral,
11th century. Polotsk

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No. 904

All Saints Monument church,
beginning of 21st century. Minsk

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Photo on FDC by Oleg Dybov.



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