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1150th anniversary of Slavonic alphabet made by holy brothers Cyril and Methodius

On May 24, 2013 the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus will issue the souvenir sheet "1150th anniversary of Slavonic alphabet made by holy brothers Cyril and Methodius".

Designer: Ivan Lukin. **Printing:** offset. **Colour:** 2 colours. **Paper:** chalk-surfaced, gummed. **Perforation:** frame 13^{1/2}. **Size** of the stamp in the souvenir sheet: 29,6x52 mm. **Size** of the souvenir sheet: 105x82 mm. **Printing technique:** thermal stamping by metalized foil of golden colour. **Print quantity:** 15.000 souvenir sheets.

The souvenir sheet was printed at the Republican Unitary Enterprise "Bobruisk Integrated Printing House named after A.T.Nepogodin".

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The brothers Cyril (about 827 — 14.02.869) and Methodius (815 — 06.04.885) were born in Thessaloniki (Greece). They both were outstanding scholars, theologians, and linguists. They were the creators of the Slavonic alphabet, Slavic educators and preachers of Christianity. They were revered and canonized as saints.

To be able to preach Christianity in Slavonic it was necessary to translate the Scriptures into the Slavic language. However, the alphabet able to convey the Slavic speech at the time did not exist. In 863 Cyril and Methodius created the Slavonic alphabet.



Colour of the postmark — black.

FDC and special postmark designed by I. Lukin.

Special cancellation on FDC will be carried out at the Main Post Office of Minsk on the souvenir sheet issuing day.