

Reflection Tuesday Week 6 Sts Cyril and Methodius 2023

St Methodius (826?) was born in Thessalonica. With his brother Cyril he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. After his brother's death he went to Pannonia, where he was assiduous in the work of evangelization. In the complicated international politics of the time, he suffered much from attacks by his enemies, but he was always supported by the Popes. He died on 6 April 885.

St Cyril (827) was also born in Thessalonica and educated in Constantinople. With his brother Methodius he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They were called back to Rome, where Cyril died on 14 February 869.

Inspired by Paul and Barnabas, Cyril and Methodius went to the pagans and, to enable them to hear and understand the Good News, they developed a language their hearers could understand. They too were a light to the pagans.

"From Christ and in Christ, we have been reborn through the Spirit in order to bear the fruit of life; not the fruit of our old, sinful life but the fruit of a new life founded upon our faith in him and our love for him. Like branches growing from a vine, we now draw our life from Christ, and we cling to his holy commandment in order to preserve this life." (Sts. Cyril and Methodius)

"Indeed, the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful."

"Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill."

"The wider our contemplation of creation, the grander is our conception of God."