

Sister's Spin

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While Valentine gets most of the attention this day, the Church gives her attention to two saints of the Eastern Orthodox Church--Cyril and Methodius. These were brothers who lived in the 8th Century and became missionaries to the Slavic Nations. They are most noted for inventing a Slavic Alphabet, known today as the Cyrillic Alphabet. With this new alphabet, they translated the Scriptures into the Slavic Languages and especially worked on the liturgy, seeking permission from Rome to celebrate the Liturgy in this language instead of Greek or Latin as was done by all churches at that time so the people could have a greater understanding of the Mass. (For those of you who are very young, we in the Western Church didn't celebrate in English or other languages until after the Second Vatican Council in 1964 or 1965 !). These two saints worked in the area of the Ukraine, which we know today could use their intercession to avoid conflict in that area. Let us ask their intercession for blessing on the nations of that area today. And for those who wish to honor St. Valentine, here's a little prayer for you:

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

-Sister Marcianne

