



St. Macarius of Kaniv Ukrainian Orthodox Saint

Who is he?

- Born in 1605AD in Ovruch
- His family name was Tokarivskyj and they were faithful Orthodox Christians
- Macarius became or was tonsured a monk at the Ovruch monastery.



Statue of Metropolitan Petro Mohyla



- In 1638, Metropolitan Petro Mohyla of Kyiv appointed him abbot of Kamensky Resurrection Monastery
- He stayed there for 33 years
- After his monastery was destroyed by invaders, he joined the Brotherhood of Kyiv Percheska Lavra Monastery.

Moving to Kaniv

- Eventually he became the abbot of Kaniv monastery.
- The monastery became known for its devoutness to Orthodoxy!
- There were many people at the time who were persecuting Orthodox Christians in the area of Kaniv for their faith.





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The world during the time of Macarius 1605-1678

- Charles II is King of England & the Restoration begins
- Louis XIV is King of France
- Robert Hooke discovers Jupiter's Great Red Spot.
- The first public "bus" system is attempted in Paris with horse and carriage



Invasion of Kaniv Monastery

- September 5th, 1678, the Turks broke into the Kaniv monastery.
- Venerable Macarius met them at the doors with a cross in his hands
- The invaders demanded the saint give them the monastery's treasures.

Macarius becomes a Martyr

- The Saint responded that His treasures were in heaven!
- The angry invaders tortured the Saint and killed him and burned the monastery.
- The fire did not corrupt or ruin St. Macarius' body.
- His relics were buried, venerated and worked many miracles!
- His Feast Day is Celebrated September 20th (Julian Calendar) 7th (Gregorian)
- His faithful witness to Christ became a foundation for Orthodoxy in Ukraine, especially in monasteries.
- His relics may be venerated in the church of the Nativity the Most-Holy Birth-giver of God in Cherkassy, Ukraine.

