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### **Inculturation of the Good News**

The inculturation of the Gospel bore fruit in the formation of various Christian traditions: Byzantine, Latin, Coptic, Syrian, Armenian, and others. Already from the very first centuries, Christianity also spread into the lands of the ancient Slavic tribes.

By the ninth century, two brothers from Thessalonica, Saints Cyril and Methodius, Equal to the Apostles, translated the gospel and texts of divine services into a language that the Slavic nations could understand. “By incarnating the Gospel in the native culture of the peoples which they were evangelizing, Saints Cyril and Methodius were specially meritorious for the formation and development of that same culture, or rather of many cultures.” From among the Christian cultures fostered by the Slavs, there also arose the Christian culture of Rus-Ukraine, where the one ecclesial Tradition developed into a particular ecclesial tradition. (#61 )