

churchslavonic package – Church Slavonic Typography in L^AT_EX

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Abstract

Package churchslavonic provides fonts, hyphenation patterns and supporting macros to typeset Church Slavonic texts.

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Introduction

Church Slavonic (also called Church Slavic, Old Church Slavonic or Old Slavonic; ISO 639-2 code `cu`) is a literary language used by the Slavic peoples; presently it is used as a liturgical language by the Russian Orthodox Church, other local Orthodox Churches, as well as various Byzantine-Rite Catholic and Old Ritualist communities. The package `churchslavonic` provides fonts, hyphenation patterns and supporting macros to typeset Church Slavonic texts in \TeX .

The package is designed to support Unicode text encoded in UTF-8. Texts encoded in legacy codepages (such as HIP and UCS) may be converted to Unicode using a separate bundle of utilities. See the [Slavonic Computing Initiative website](#) for more information. To use the tools in this package, you will need a Unicode-aware \TeX engine such as X_{\LaTeX} or $\text{Lua}\TeX$.

1 How to use the package

To use the `churchslavonic` package one needs to include the following declarations into the document preamble:

```
\usepackage{polyglossia}
\setmainlanguage{churchslavonic}
\usepackage{churchslavonic}
```

This makes the Church Slavonic hyphenation patterns immediately available. After that, use the standard `polyglossia` commands to control current language. Church Slavonic fonts are provided by the `fonts-churchslavonic` package, which should have been installed automatically when you installed this package. See the `fonts-churchslavonic` documentation for information about fonts.

1.1 Options `color`, `gray` (= `grey`), and `bw`

These options control what color is actually being used for text coloring commands like `\cuKinovar`.

- `color` this is the default option; it indicates the original color (a shade of red).
- `gray` (`grey`) replaces the red color with gray - useful if you are printing on media that does not support color, but is capable of grayscale.
- `bw` replaces the red color with black (effectively turning off commands like `\cuKinovar` and `\cuKinovarColor`). Use this option to generate a document that will be printed in black-and-white.

Example:

```
\usepackage[gray]{churchslavonic}
```

1.2 Underscore

The underscore symbol (`_`, U+005F LOW LINE) is a valid text symbol in Church Slavonic (it has roughly the same role as the hyphen in English). The package `churchslavonic` redefines the underscore in a way that it can be directly entered in text mode, for example:

Послѣдованіе молебнаго пѣнія събѣмъ мѣкамъ ѿгъ вѣка,
въ Сѣнктѣхъ Петербѣржскѣхъ дѣхъокиѣхъ академіи
начальствовавшихъ, оубѣвшихъ и оубѣвшихъ

Attention: if you have an older version of the `fontspec` package installed on your system, the redefined underscore symbol cannot be used in font names and font options in `fontspec` commands like `\setXXXfont` and `\newfontfamily`.

Typically you need to set `underscore` as the hyphenation character for Church Slavonic fonts: `HyphenChar=_`. With older versions of `fontspec` this will cause errors. This problem exists in `TEX Live 2013` and in `fontspec v2.3c`.

We recommend upgrading your `TEX` distribution to at least `TEX Live 2015`. Alternatively you can selectively upgrade the `fontspec` package to version `v2.4c` or better.

If upgrading is not an option, you can work around this problem by either specifying the hexadecimal code for the hyphenation character: `HyphenChar="005F`, or by declaring all fonts before loading `churchslavonic`.

However, if your date format uses `\cuDOW` (day of the week) or `\cuYEARAM` (year Anno Mundi), the later quantities are computed by interpreting the date as a Gregorian calendar date. In this case, if the input date is not a valid date, it will be normalized via extrapolation. For example, April 32 will be interpreted as May 2 for the purpose of determining values of the day of the week and year Anno Mundi.

If your format uses `\cuDOW` or `\cuYEARAM`, and you specify a date according to the Julian, not Gregorian, calendar, you must use `\cuDateJulian` to correctly format days of the week and year Anno Mundi.

The best practice is to always use `\cuDate` with Gregorian calendar dates and use `\cuDateJulian` with Julian calendar dates regardless of the current date format. This way you can switch the date formatting style without worrying about getting the wrong output.

3.2 `\cuDateJulian`

Formats the date, just like `\cuDate` does, but the argument is interpreted as a date on the Julian calendar (“old style”) instead of the Gregorian calendar. This makes a difference only if your format is using symbolic names `\cuDOW` and/or `\cuYEARAM`.

3.3 `\cuDefineDateFormat`

This command allows you to define your own date format. It does not change how `\cuDate` formats its output (for that, use `\cuUseDateFormat`). Example:

```
\cuDefineDateFormat{long}{%
  \cuDayName{\cuDOW},
  \cuNum{\cuDAY}\textunderscore ρω~%
  \cuMonthName{\cuMONTH},~%
  ΛΉΤΑ Ξ̅ Ϟ̅Π̅Β̅Ο̅Ρ̅Ε̅Ν̅Ι̅Α̅ Μ̅Ι̅Ρ̅Α̅~%
  \cuNum{\cuYEARAM}%
}
```

defines a format with name `long`. If we use this format to print the same date as before, we will get: ΠΑΤΡΟΚΣ, ΞΒ_ρω ἀπρίλια, ΛΉΤΑ Ξ̅ Ϟ̅Π̅Β̅Ο̅Ρ̅Ε̅Ν̅Ι̅Α̅ Μ̅Ι̅Ρ̅Α̅ ,ΞΦ̅Κ̅Ϟ̅.

The following symbolic names can be used when formatting the date:

- `\cuYEAR` — the year part of a date (a number, like 2016)
- `\cuYEARAM`¹ — the year Anno Mundi, that is, since the creation of the world according to the Byzantine reckoning (aka “the Byzantine era”; a number, like 7525)

- `\cuMONTH` — the month part of a date (a number from 1 to 12, with January set to 1)
- `\cuDAY` — the day of the month
- `\cuDOW`¹ — the day of the week (number from 0 to 6, where 0 means “Sunday”)
- `\cuINDICTION` — the indiction² (a number from 1 to 15)

3.4 `\cuUseDateFormat`

This command sets the date format to be used by the subsequent `\cuDate` and `\cuDateJulian`.

3.5 `\cuMonthName`

This command expands a numeric argument (month number) into textual representation. It is typically used when defining a date format. For example, a date format named `default` is defined as:

```
\cuDefineDateFormat{default}{%
  \cuNum{\cuDAY}~\cuMonthName{\cuMONTH},%
  ~\kappa\tau\alpha~\cuNum{\cuYEAR}%
}%
```

3.6 `\cuDayName`

Expands a numeric argument into a textual representation of the day of the week in the nominative case.

3.7 `\cuDayNameAccusative`

Expands a numeric argument into a textual representation of the day of the week in the accusative case.

3.8 `\cuToday`

This macro expands to a triplet YYYY-MM-DD. The date is generated according to the Gregorian calendar.

¹If your format uses this value, make sure that you format the date with the correct macro: you must use `\cuDate` for dates on the Gregorian calendar and `\cuDateJulian` for dates on the Julian calendar.

²See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indiction>.

3.9 `\cuTodayJulian`

This macro expands to a triplet YYYY-MM-DD. The date is generated according to the Julian calendar.

It is a shortcut for `\cuAsJulian{\cuToday}`.

3.10 `\cuAsJulian`

Converts a date on the Gregorian calendar to a date on the Julian calendar. Input and output use numeric triplet format YYYY-MM-DD.

Useful when the same date needs to be formatted both according to the Gregorian and Julian calendars.

3.11 `\cuAsGregorian`

Converts a date according to the Julian calendar to a date according to the Gregorian calendar. Input and output use numeric triplet format YYYY-MM-DD.

4 **Kinovar**

Printed and hand-written Church Slavonic texts often use color to highlight sectional and paragraph structure and to indicate liturgical rubrics, section names, comments, and marginal notes. The first letter of each paragraph is also often colored red.

4.1 `\cuKinovar`

Takes a single argument and prints it using red color. For example, explicitly specifying its argument one gets the expected result:

<code>\cuKinovar{лѣкз:}</code> гѣи помѣлѣи.	лѣкз: гѣи помѣлѣи.
---------------------------------------------	--------------------

If one uses the \TeX mechanism of implicit argument detection, then the first character of the text after this command will be printed in red. However, a non-trivial feature of this command is that it will also “collect” all of the diacritical marks that belong to this first character, and thus all accents will also be colored in red! Use this command in the indirect parameter mode to print in red the first letter of each paragraph.¹

¹You can also experiment with the \TeX command `\everypar` to automate this, but the success or failure of this technique critically depends on the \LaTeX class used and packages loaded. We found it very fragile and thus the churchslavonic package does not offer any automation for this task. It

<code>\cuKinovar</code> По́имъ гдѣи пѣиь нѡвѣю	По́имъ гдѣи пѣиь нѡвѣю
<code>\cuKinovar</code> ѿ́къ тѣча на трѡицѡтъ	ѿ́къ тѣча на трѡицѡтъ

4.2 `\cuKinovarColor`

Switches the current color to red. One would typically use this command inside a group that limits the scope of red text, unless you want all subsequent text to be colored red.

Information: The shade of red used by the `\cuKinovar` is declared in the package as a new color called `kinovar`, and is set to (205, 8, 3) in the RGB color space, which has a hexadecimal representation of `#CC0502`.

5 Miscellaneous

5.1 `\cuMarginMark`, `\cuMarginMarkSkip`, & `\cuMarginMarkText`

The command `\cuMarginMark` is used to place short text in the margin at the same level as the line where the macro is placed. Example:

```
\cuMarginMark{ѣ}\cuKinovar Бл҃гословѣ дѣше моѡ гдѣ ѡ не забывѡѡ
вѣѣхъ воздѡлѡнїѡ ѣгѡ. \cuMarginMark{ѡ}\cuKinovar Ѡчищѡющѡго
вѣѡ беззакѡнїѡ твоѡ, ѡцѣлѡющѡго вѣѡ недѣги твоѡ:
\cuMarginMark{ѣ}\cuKinovar Ѡзбѡвѡющѡго ѡ ѡстѣнїѡ живѡтъ твоѡ,
вѣнчѡющѡго тѡ млѣтїю ѡ цѣдрѡтами: \cuMarginMark{ѡ}\cuKinovar
Ѡсполнѡющѡго во бл҃гїхъ желѡнїѡ твоѡ, ѡбновѣтѣѡ ѿкъ Ѧрлѡ
ѡнѡстѣ твоѡ.
```

Will result in:

```
ѣ Бл҃гословѣ дѣше моѡ гдѣ ѡ не забывѡѡ вѣѣхъ воздѡлѡнїѡ
ѡ ѣгѡ. Ѡчищѡющѡго вѣѡ беззакѡнїѡ твоѡ, ѡцѣлѡющѡго
ѣ го вѣѡ недѣги твоѡ: Ѡзбѡвѡющѡго ѡ ѡстѣнїѡ живѡтъ
ѡ твоѡ, вѣнчѡющѡго тѡ млѣтїю ѡ цѣдрѡтами: Ѡсполнѡющѡго
во бл҃гїхъ желѡнїѡ твоѡ, ѡбновѣтѣѡ ѿкъ Ѧрлѡ ѡнѡстѣ
твоѡ.
```

may be easier and more robust to use the Find/Replace functionality embedded in any non-trivial text editor to just automatically place a `\cuKinovar` command before every paragraph of the source text.

The marginal mark is placed on the right margin for odd pages and on the left margin for even pages (e.g. the mark is placed on the “outer” margin, not the spine margin), which is usually the desired behavior.

The distance between the mark and the text is controlled by the value of `\cuMarginMarkSkip`. The default is:

```
\def\cuMarginMarkSkip{0.6em}
```

To globally customize the font and color of the margin mark use `\cuMarginMarkText`. For example, to make margin marks appear in red color, redefine `\cuMarginMarkText` in the preamble of your document like this:

```
\def\cuMarginMarkText#1{\cuKinovar{#1}}
```

If you need to change the font/size/color just for a single mark, you can do it directly with `\cuMarginMark`:

```
\cuMarginMark{{\tiny *}}
```

5.2 Superscripts

The `\cuSup` macro can be used to place arbitrary superscript text above the baseline text, a feature that can be useful in editing Slavonic manuscripts. The macro takes two parameters: the first parameter is the superscripted text, the second parameter is the baseline text. For example:

```
мол\cuSup{ва}{иѣт}
```

ѢА
МОЛИТ

The macro accepts an optional parameter `raise`, which controls the vertical space between the base characters and the superscript. The formatting of the base and superscript texts can also be controlled directly:

```
по\cuSup[raise=0.75ex]{\kern2em \cuKinovar{лагаѣеть}}{\cuKinovar{ложй}} наѣмъ
```

ЛАГАѢТЬ
ПОЛОЖИ НАМЪ

5.3 Dropcaps

The mechanism that the `\cuKinovar` macro is using to collect all accents (when the argument is specified implicitly) can be useful for many other purposes. One example is to typeset a dropletter at the beginning of a chapter (this is often used in Church Slavonic texts). For this purpose, the standard \LaTeX package `lettrine`

works just fine. The only nuisance is that one has to be careful to pass to `\lettrine` not just the first letter, but also any diacritical marks that attach to this letter. Naturally, we want to reuse the clever mechanism that `\cuKinovar` uses, and automatically collect the diacritical marks!

Here is an example of how to accomplish this:

```
\def\cu@lettrine{\lettrine[lines=3,findent=0pt,nindent=0pt]}
\def\cuLettrine{\cu@tokenizeletter\cu@lettrine}
\renewcommand{\LettrineFontHook}{\cuKinovarColor}
```

Once this definition of `\cuLettrine` is created (somewhere in the preamble, between the declarations `\makeatletter` and `\makeatother`), you can create drop capitals like this:

`\cuLettrine` И́же дѣла сі́ла въ нѣмоци ѿвершѣется...

И́же дѣла сі́ла въ нѣмоци ѿвершѣется, ѣкоже писано
 ѣсть, и върѣмъ: въ нѣмоци же не чѣлєє тѣѣю,
 но оубо и сло́ва, и премѣдрости на ѡзбѣцѣ лежѣца.
 И́ еє ѡвѣ ѿ мно́гихъ оубо ины́хъ, пѣче же ѿ и́же ѡ
 вели́комъ вѣсело́вѣ, и бра́тѣ хрѣтѣвѣ, благода́тїю зрѣмѣмъ.

6 Znamenny Notation

6.1 Typesetting Znamenny Notation

The package offers two commands for typesetting liturgical music in Znamenny Notation and other neumatic notation systems. To use these macro commands, you will need to declare the font that will be used to typeset the musical notation symbols and set the `\cuKrukFont` parameter, which is usually done in the preamble of the document. Example:

```
\newfontfamily\musicFont[Scale=1.5]{Mezenets Unicode}
\let\cuKrukFont=\musicFont
```

The command `\cuKruk` is used to typeset a syllable of text with a musical neume above it. It takes the neume as its first argument and the text as its second argument. This can be used to typeset Znamenny notation inline with text or to typeset relatively short passages, for example, the code:

Here is a Podchashie: `\textchurchslavonic{\cuKruk{\~}{Тво}}`
will produce:

Here is a Podchashie: 

The `\cuKrukPara` command is used to typeset longer, independent passages of music in Znamenny Notation. The command takes as an argument a line of neumes, followed by `\\`, followed by a line of lyrics. Groups of neumes are separated by spaces and syllables are separated by the hyphen (-) character. Here we use the command to typeset a piece in Znamenny Notation:

```
\cuKrukPara{




\\
Хри-сто-сь ра-жда-ет-са, сла-ви-те: Хри-сто-сь съ нб-сь, сра-щи-те:
Хри-сто-сь на зе-мли, воз-но-си-те-са. по-й-те Го-спо-де-ви вса-~ зе-
мла-,
и- ве-се-лі-емъ вос-по-йте лю-ді-е, ѿ-кв про-сла-ви-са.}

```



Note 1: the number of neume groups needs to equal the number of syllables, otherwise the `\cuKrukPara` command will return a compile-time error, such as:
! Too many kruk groups.



Note 2: In both the `\cuKruk` and `\cuKrukPara` commands, the `~` character can be used when a neume appears without any syllable below it. The command will draw an underline under the relevant neume. Leaving a syllable empty will produce the same result. An empty neume block or the `~` character can also be used to produce a syllable with no neume above it (in this case, the neume block is left blank). To produce a neume with empty space (and no underline) below it, use any other command that is rendered as a space (for example, `\thinspace`). The following examples demonstrate the functionality:

<code>\cuKruk{/}{}</code>	
<code>\cuKruk{/}{~}</code>	
<code>\cuKruk{/}{\thinspace}</code>	
<code>\cuKruk~{text}</code>	text

Note 3: fonts for Znamenny Notation usually provide color information for certain glyphs (such as the cinnabar marks) via data in the COLR and CPAL tables. However, COLR / CPAL technology is presently not supported in X_YTeX or LuaTeX. When the churchslavonic package is loaded with the `autocolormarks` option, the `\cuKruk` and `\cuKrukPara` commands will automatically typeset the cinnabar marks in red by internally invoking the `\cuKinovar` macro. Additionally, if the churchslavonic package is loaded with the `gray` or `bw` options, the cinnabar marks will be typeset in grayscale or black, respectively.

Limitations: When a document is processed using X_YTeX, attempting to render marks in color breaks normal OpenType glyph positioning rules. Loading the churchslavonic package with the `autocolormarks` option when X_YTeX is used will produce a warning. Presently, you can only render marks in red and maintain correct positioning when using LuaTeX. When a document is processed using LuaTeX, the churchslavonic package by default loads with the `autocolormarks` option. If automatic coloring is not desired, it can be turned off in this case by loading the churchslavonic package with the `noautocolormarks` option.

The `\cuKruk` commands may be nested, which can be used to produce ‘explanatory marks’ («подобные пометы»):

<code>\cuKruk{\cuKruk{\cuKinovar{\tiny ~}}}</code>	
<code>{\Large ~}}{na}</code>	

6.2 Controlling the Appearance of Znamenny Notation

A number of parameters may be used to control the positioning and appearance of Znamenny neumes:

