

## 972 A.D.

Prince Igor (912–45) expanded his territory to include the northern Pontic littoral. His attempts to extend his rule over all of the tribes in the region were resisted and he was eventually killed by the Derevlians, who refused to pay him tribute.

His widow Princess Olga (945–962) ruled as regent until their son Sviatoslav I came of age. She was the first Rus' ruler to convert to Christianity and to establish direct ties with central and western-European rulers.



Saint Olga of Kyiv

The reign of Sviatoslav I Igorovych (962–972) was marked by almost uninterrupted warfare. Known as 'the Conqueror', Sviatoslav Igorovych tried to expand his territory to the Danube River, defeating the Bulgarians and establishing Pereiaslavets on the Danube.

Sviatoslav was the last of the Kyivan princes to adhere to Scandinavian traditions, and with the ascent of Vladimir I (Volodymyr) in 980, the Rurik line was thoroughly Slavonized.

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