Help us to Save St. Wenceslas Rotunda in Lesser Town, Prague

Contribute to the reconstruction of a unique cultural monument that was believed lost for over 350 years and has been miraculously discovered only recently.

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The Rotunda

The very first mention of the rotunda consecrated to the former Duke of Bohemia and the patron Saint of the Czech state, St. Wenceslas (Czech: Václav; c. 907 – September 28, 935), appears in the mid-13th century legend called “Oriente iam sole.” St. Wenceslas is the subject of “Good King Wenceslas,” a St. Stephen's Day carol written over 900 years after his death, in 1853, that remains popular to this day. According to the legend, the origin of the rotunda is connected with a miracle which occurred during the transfer of St. Wenceslas' remains to Prague Castle. In 2004, fragments of Romanesque masonry were discovered during reconstruction works at the Lesser Town building of the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University in Prague. It was evident at once that these remains formed part of the missing St. Wenceslas Rotunda, which was believed lost for 376 years even by many historians and archaeologists.

Romanesque Ceramic Tiling and Stone Circle

The most important discovery is the fragment of Romanesque flooring dating back to the 11th century, which has turned St. Wenceslas Rotunda into one of the most prominent monuments of Romanesque art in Bohemia. Another curious object — a stone circle dating back to the 10th century — was also discovered, which testifies to the incredible importance of this site for Czech history.