

# THE CZECH REPUBLIC CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE



#### ROMANESQUE STYLE

• 11th – 13th century

• ecclesiactical buildings were built, especially basilicas, churches, rotundas and monasteries. But also palaces, castles, hospitals, residential houses, bridges - most of them have not been preserved to

these days. Rotunda of St. George on mount Říp



### The rotunda of St. Catherine in Znojmo



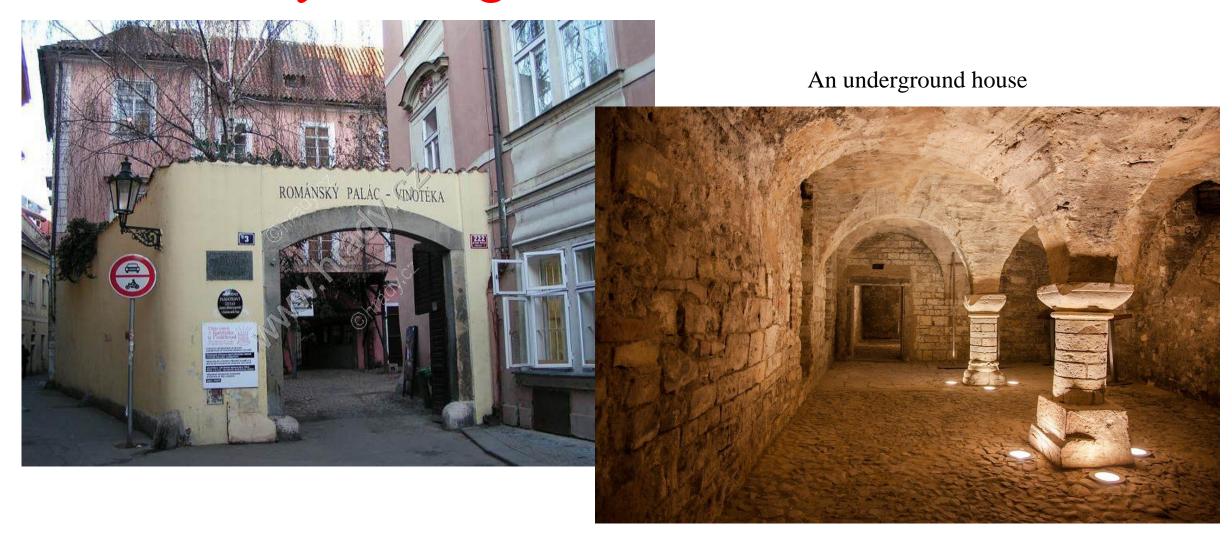
Frescoes of the first Přemyslids







# The Court of the Lords of Kunštát and Poděbrady in Prague



#### Přimda CASTLE





A castle – a fortified seat of the monarch or higher noblemen.

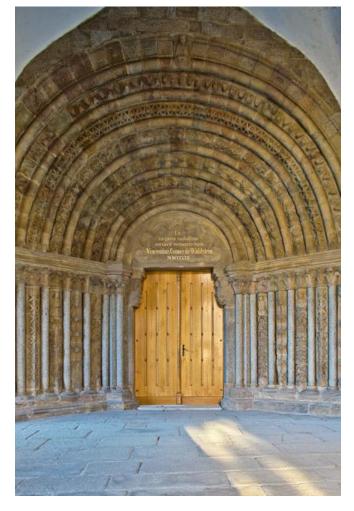
It was built on inaccessible places - rocks, hills, river headlands.

It has a residential and defensive function.



Sculpture – portal in the basilica in Třebíč, the building is registered in UNESCO list of

monuments



Portal – decorated entrance to the building



#### The reliquary of St. Maurus

It's the most important romanesque reliquary monument in the Czech Republic.

Reliquary - decorated storage box

for relics of saints





#### HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES

The government of the first Přemyslids

Ludmila – the first Czech saint

Saint Wenceslas – patron saint of the Czech state

Přemysl Otakar I. – received a hereditary royal title

Kosmas – a famous Czech chronicler

#### HISTORICAL EVENTS

- the first written report about Opava

- a document proving the foundation of the town of Opava

929 or 935 - the assassination of St. Wenceslas

- the golden Bull of Sicily (the Czech monarchs gain a hereditary royal title)

### GOTHIC STYLE

- In the Czech Republic from the 13th to the 16th century
- The main feature is heading to the God.
- They built high buildings with large windows that let in a lot of light.
- Cathedrals, monasteries, castles, fortresses, bridges, city fortifications with towers and, of course, ordinary houses.



St. Wenceslas Cathedral in Olomouc, the last Přemyslid Wenceslas III. was murdered in the neighboring palace in 1306.



#### **CASTLES**

#### Hukvaldy



Helfštýn



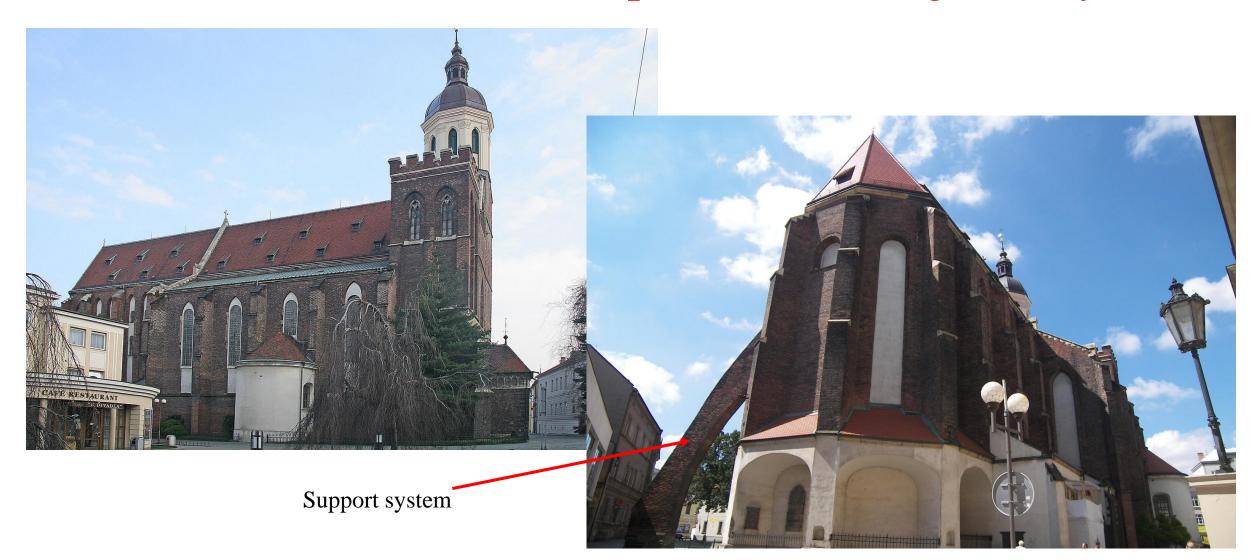


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#### **OPAVA**

#### The co-cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary



The Chapel of the Holy Cross = Swedish

Chapel in Opava





#### **PAINTING**

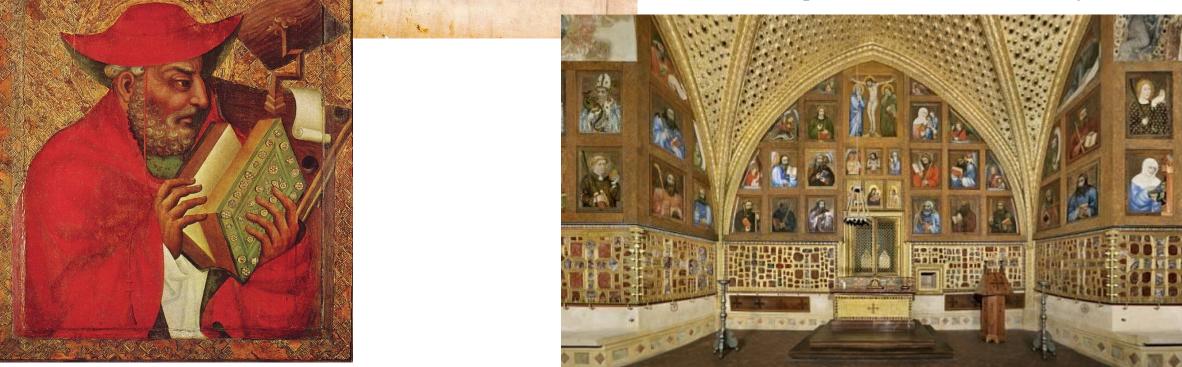
Religious issues predominate

Board painting - on wood or on canvas, which covers the board



Book painting





**SCULPTURE** A typical sculptural expression was the depiction of Virgin Mary in two variants

Madona Virgin Mary with little Jesus

**Opava** Silesian Museum



Pieta Virgin Mary with the adult dying Jesus

Archdiocesan Museum in Olomouc



#### HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES

Přemysl Otakar II. the King of Iron and Gold

Charles IV. father of the nation

George of Poděbrady the king of the non-royal family

Jan Hus the reformer of the church

Mistr Theodoric one of the most important Gothic painters

#### HISTORICAL EVENTS

the Přemyslid dynasty died

1310 Luxembourgs ascend the throne

A branch of the Přemyslid family operates in Opava

burning of Master Jan Hus

1418 – 1434 Hussite wars

1427–1431 Opava is ruled by the Hussites

#### RENAISSANCE

It came to Bohemia in the 16th century

Devation from faith, the main source of research and inspiration is a man

It is primarily built for the nobility, burghers palaces replace castles

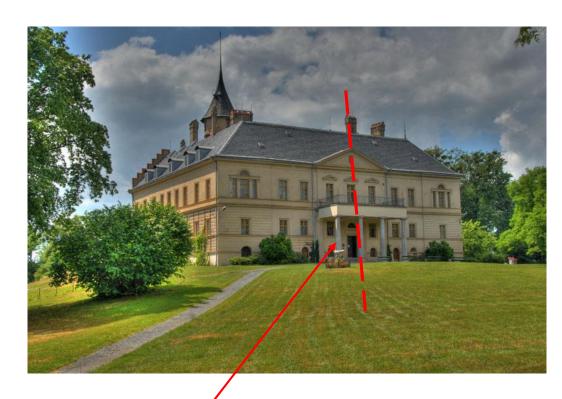
**The Opava Chateau -** of the whole complex, only Müller's House has been preserved



#### **PALACES**



Raduň near Opava



axially symmetric

columns

#### Velké Losiny PALACE



arcades = peristyle

**sgraffito** = plaster decoration, the plaster has 2 layers, dark and light, the outer one is scratched

#### TOWN HOUSES, PALACES



Rectangular windows



Town hall "Hláska" in Opava

House "U bílého koníčka" in Opava

# HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS

1526 - accession of the Habsburgs to the Czech throne

Rudolf II. - monarch





### **BAROQUE**

Affects person's feelings

An effort to bring people back to the Catholic faith





Church of St. Wenceslas with the Plague Column at Lower Square in Opava

#### **CITY PALACES**





House "U Mouřenína" in Opava

#### **PALACES**



Kravaře near Opava



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Slezské Rudoltice

# HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS

- the reign of Maria Theresa
- the reign of Joseph II.
- Jan Blažej Santini Aichel an architect
- Matyáš Bernard Braun a sculptor
- Karel Škréta a painter
- the war with Prussia the loss of Silesia

#### **CLASSICISM**

It builds on the Renaissance and Antiquity





The Palace in the town of Hradec nad Moravicí

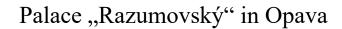
### Šilheřovice PALACE







#### **TOWN HOUSES**





The town house in Opava



### HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES AND EVENTS

- Government of Francis Joseph I.
- Bohemia and Moravia are still a part of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy

#### **MUSEUMS and GALLERIES**

#### 1. Silesian Museum

It was founded in 1814, which makes it the oldest museum in the Czech Republic



#### 2. National Museum in Prague



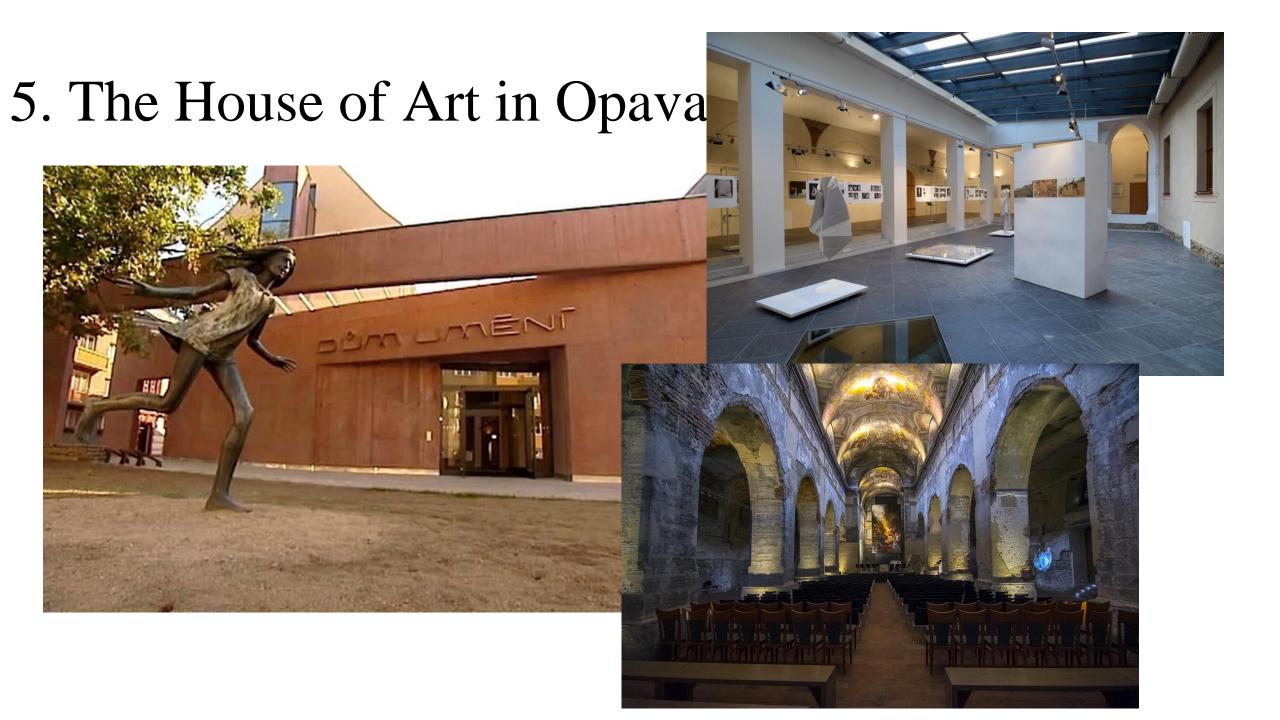
## 3. National Gallery in Prague – the largest collection of fine art

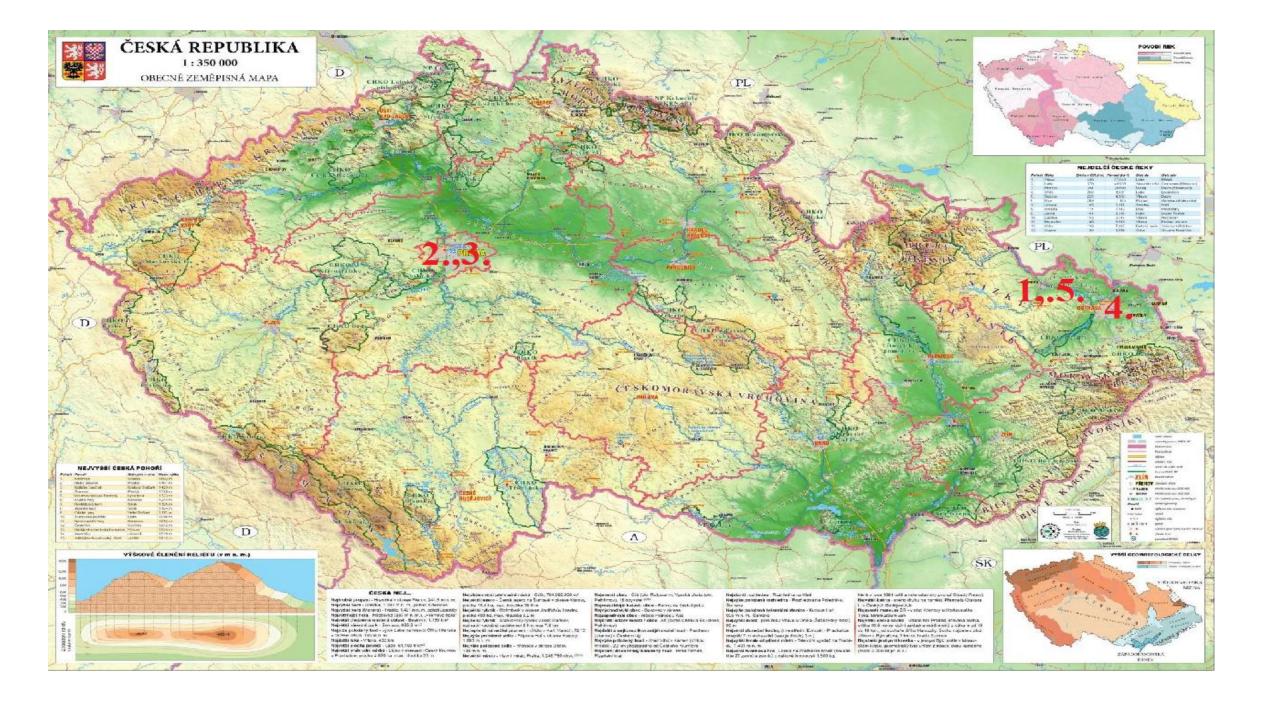




#### 4. Fine Art Gallery in Ostrava





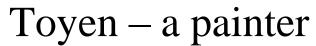


#### IMPORTANT WORKS of the CR

Alfons Mucha – a painter

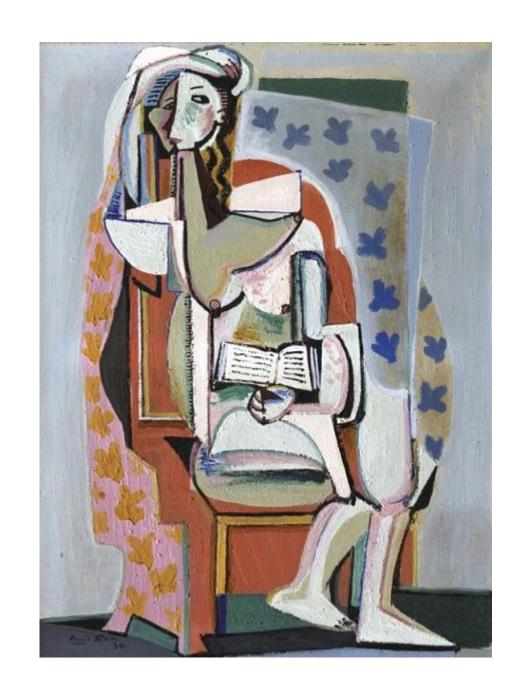






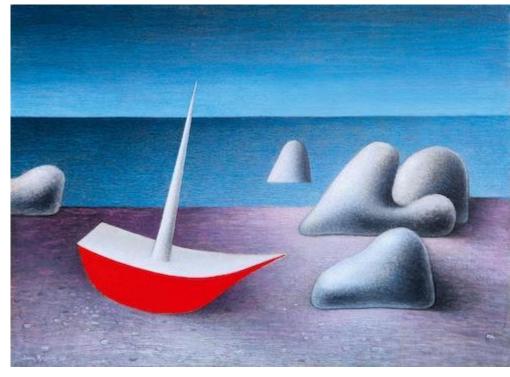
Emil Filla - the best-selling and the most valuable painter





#### Jan Zrzavý – a painter





#### Kurt Gebauer – a sculptor







### Significant events in our history (timeline)

- 863 arrival of Cyril and Methodius to Great Moravia
- 929 (935) Assassination of St. Wenceslas
- 1212 Golden Bull of Sicily hereditary royal title
- 1306 extinction of the Přemyslids
- 1346 1378 reign of Charles IV.
- 1415 burning of master Jan Hus
- 1419 1434 Hussite War
- 1526 accession of the Habsburgs to the Czech throne
- 1618 Prague defenestration and the beginning of the Thirty Years' war
- 1648 end of the Thirty Years' war, expulsion of non-Catholics from Bohemia
- 1740 accession of Maria Theresa
- 1781 Joseph II. issues the Tolerance Patent and the Patent on the Abolition of Slavery
- 1848 Revolution in Europe Francis Joseph ascended the throne
- 1914 1918 World War I.
- 1918 the establishment of the independent Czechoslovak Republic