

# Day of Nation Leaders



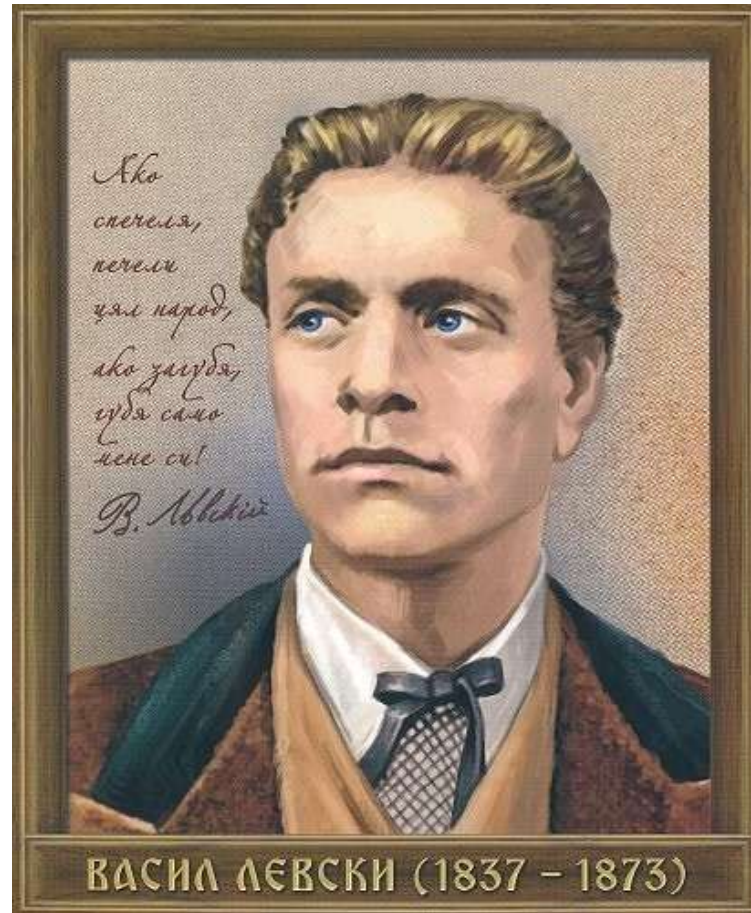
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**Today is National Awakening Day!** A holiday that came from the hearts of Bulgarians in gratitude and respect for the people of the spirit, the pen, the book, the enlighteners and fighters for national liberation.



# Vasil Levski

- **Vasil Ivanov Kunchev**
- (Vasil Ivanov Kunchev ; 18 July 1837 – 18 February 1873), was a Bulgarian revolutionary and is a national hero of Bulgaria today. Dubbed the *Apostle of Freedom*, Levski ideologised and strategised a revolutionary movement to liberate Bulgaria from Ottoman rule. Levski founded the Internal Revolutionary Organisation, and sought to foment a nationwide uprising through a network of secret regional committees.



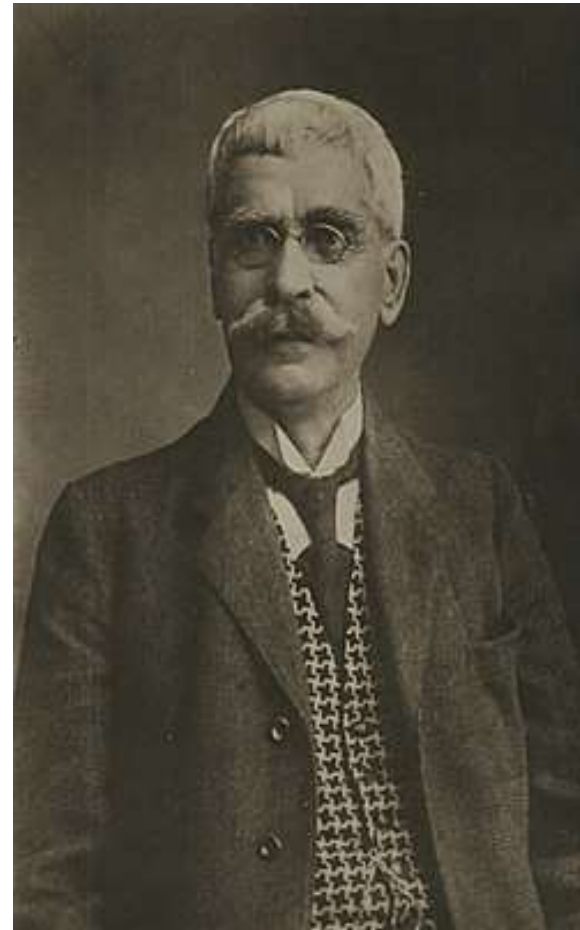
# Hristo Botev

- **Hristo Botov Petkov**, known as Hristo Botev, born on January 6, 1848 in Kalofer, who died on June 1, 1876, is a Bulgarian national hero, revolutionary, poet and publicist.



# Ivan Vazov

- **Ivan Vazov** (Bulgarian: Иван Вазов) was a Bulgarian poet,
- novelist and playwright, often referred to as "the Patriarch of Bulgarian literature,, .Творчеството на Вазов е отражение на две исторически епохи –  
Възраждането и следосвобожденска България. Иван Вазов е академик на Българската академия на науките и министър на народното просвещение от 7 септември 1897 г. до 30 януари 1899 г. от Народната партия.



# Paisii Hilendarski

- **Paisii Hilendarski**, often referred to as Father Paisii, is a Bulgarian national awakener and spiritualist, author of Slavic-Bulgarian History. The ideas of national revival and liberation of the Bulgarian people expressed in his work make many scientists point to him as the founder of the Bulgarian Revival. He was canonized as a saint by a written act of the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church in 1962.



# Petko Rachov

- **Petko Rachov** Slaveikov is a Bulgarian poet, publicist, folklorist and politician.
- He is among the leaders of the Liberal Party after the Liberation, chairman of the National Assembly (1880) and minister in several cabinets (1880 - 1881, 1884 - 1885).



# Zahariy Stoyanov

- **Zahariy Stoyanov** (Dzhendo Stoyanov Dzhedev) is a Bulgarian revolutionary, politician, journalist and writer. Assistant Apostle of the April Uprising (1876) and his first historiographer with his book Notes on the Bulgarian Uprising. Chairman of the BCCI and the main organizer of the Union of the Principality of Bulgaria and Eastern Rumelia (1885). Member of the People's Liberal (Stambolovist) Party.





# St. St. Cyril and Methodius

- **St. St. Cyril and Methodius** (in Greek: Κύριλλος καὶ Μεθόδιος, in Church Slavonic: Cyril and Methodius) are two brothers theologians born in Thessaloniki, Byzantium, in the ninth century, who began missionary activities as preachers of Christianity among different peoples



# The Miladinov brothers

- **The Miladinov brothers** are prominent Bulgarian national revivalists, enlighteners and folklorists. They were born in the town of Struga. For a long time Dimitar Miladinov has been a teacher in many cities in Macedonia. Develops extensive public and educational activities. In 1861 came the landmark work of Miladinov's "Bulgarian Folk Songs". In it, they collect, arrange and systematize samples of Bulgarian song folklore. Declared to be a "royal shower", Dimitar Miladinov was arrested and taken to Constantinople. Shortly thereafter, his brother Constantine was imprisoned, both of whom were offended by the Greek fanariot. Dimitar and Konstantin died of typhus in the dungeons of Constantinople in 1862.



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