

ECCLESIASTICAL ORGANIZATION IN NEUTRA IN THE 9th TO 11th CENTURIES

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The church that Pribina, the first historic prince of Neutra, had built in 828, was meant for use by his Christian wife. Of Wilhelmian descent, she brought the cult of St. Emmeram to Neutra. In 883, the Neutra region was conquered by the Moravian prince Mojmir, which brought it into the reach of Christian missionaries from Passau. In 880, the second bishopric of the Great Moravian realm was established at Neutra. The dissolution of the Great Moravian national organisation after the Slo-

vak territory had been occupied by Magyars brought the decay of the ecclesiastical organisation and, in consequence, a return to paganism. In 972, Hungary was visited by the missionary bishop Bruno, who baptised prince Geysa and his family and about 5000 distinguished Hungarians. With great probability, Slavs from the Neutra region were among them. The new bishopric at Neutra was established by the Hungarian king Koloman, most likely in 1110.