

Marking the 567th anniversary of the Battle of Nandorfehervar in 1456

Danube Day Celebration

Saturday, 22 July 2023

on the river embankment between Chain Bridge and Elizabeth Bridge

- 9:00 a.m.** gathering at Vigadó Square under the flags of Janos Hunyadi and John Capistrano
- 10:00 a.m.** parade to the Chain Bridge, to the Hunyadi boat (recalling the march of Hunyadi and Capistrano's troops to the relief of Nandorfehervar – present-day Belgrade)
- 10:30 a.m.** commemoration ceremony and wreath-laying in honour of those who fell in the battle, the shipmen and the casualties of the river.
- Festive greeting
 - Welcome address by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Serbia (draft)
 - Historical music programme
 - Poems
 - Psalms and folk songs
 - Prayer of "royal shipmen"
- 11:30 a.m.** Blessing and prayer
Ceremony of representatives of historic churches, blessing and prayer for the fallen, the sailors and the victims of floods and boating disasters.

The commemoration and wreath-laying ceremony will be attended by the representatives of the historic churches of Hungary, the representatives of the Danube countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and the present-day states of the participants in the battle: the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Spain, the Vatican, Italy and the ambassadors and delegations of the former adversary and present-day friend, Turkey. We salute the combatants of the battle with their flags.

12:00 noon The crew of a reconstructed historic ship ceremonially launches the flowers and wreaths on the water at the sound of bells tolling.

This year again we commemorate boatmen and the victims of waters and shipwrecks, and those who died in the line of duty.

Cannon salute: Cannon fires 12 times to salute the victorious battle

“To celebrate the victory big fires of joy lit and gratitude masses were held all over Europe...”

5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving mass in the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Marcius 15 Square

Accompanying events scheduled for the Danube Day Celebration

International Danube Rowing Tour

This year's planned International Danube Rowing Tour

24 June Ingolstadt – 9 September Tulcea, Black Sea, between 17 and 25 July in Hungary
22 July in Paks

Let's commemorate together!

Please help to keep our community alive!

(Our open letter sent to the mayor of Budapest and his response, if any, will be posted on our website at www.duna.atw.hu)