

Marking the 568th anniversary of the Battle of Nándorfehérvár in 1456

Danube Day Celebration

Monday, 22nd July, 2024

on the river embankment between Chain Bridge and Elisabeth Bridge

- 9:00** *gathering at Vigadó Square (at) under the banners of János Hunyadi and John Capistrano*
- 10:00** *marching to the Zsófia ship, at the Elisabeth Bridge, (evoking the one-time march of the forces of Hunyadi and Capistrano to liberate Nándorfehérvár)*
- 10:30** *commemoration ceremony and wreath-laying in honour of those who fell in the battle, the shipmen and the casualties of the river.*
- Welcoming remarks
 - Official remarks by the Ambassador of Serbia (*planned*)
 - Reciting medieval music
 - Poems
 - Psalm and folksongs
 - Prayer of the „royal shipmen”
- 11:30** *Blessing and prayer*
Representatives of the historic religious communities in Hungary confer blessing and convey prayer for those who died in the battle, the shipmen, the victims of the river and those with river related work.

Guests invited to attend the commemoration and the wreath-laying ceremony include the representatives of main churches in Hungary, as well as ambassadors and delegates of countries along the Danube – Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine – along with allies, who fought in the battle together – Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia, Albania and the Holy See, and the one-time adversary now friend: Turkey

We pay tribute to all those fighting in the battle by presenting the national flag of each country represented

- 12:00** *Crew members on board a medieval ship lay flowers and the wreaths of countries represented on the river in presence of embassy representatives while bells toll **and cannons fire 12 salutes.***

This year we also remember the victims of floods and of the ship disasters.

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

- 17:00** *Thanksgiving mass in the Budapest Downtown Main Parish Church in Március 15 Square*

Accompanying events scheduled

This year's planned International Danube Rowing Tour

June 22. Ingolstadt – August 31.- Braila, between 14. and 23. July in Hungary, 22. July in Mohács

Let's remember the victims together!

Please help us in keeping our society's community together!

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