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Dates follow the Old Style (Julian) calendar. Years began on 1 September: where the month is not known, they are given in the form 1598/9.
Chronology

early 10th century

Igor’, son of Riurik, is prince in Kiev

945

Death of Igor’

972

Death of Sviatoslav, son of Igor’ and Ol’ga

c. 978

Death of Iaropolk Sviatoslavich

c. 978–1015

Rule of Vladimir I Sviatoslavich as prince of Kiev

988

Vladimir converts Rus’ to Orthodox Christianity

1015

Death of Vladimir; Sviatopolk Vladimirovich becomes prince of Kiev

1034/6

Iaroslav Vladimirovich (‘the Wise’) becomes sole ruler in Kiev

1054

Schism between Eastern and Western Christianity

1054

Death of Iaroslav the Wise; Iziaslav Iaroslavich becomes prince of Kiev

1078

Vsevolod Iaroslavich becomes sole ruler in Kiev

1093

Death of Vsevolod; Sviatopolk Iziaslavich becomes prince of Kiev

1097

Liubech accord on dynastic conventions

1113

Death of Sviatopolk; Vladimir Vsevolodovich ‘Monomakh’ becomes prince of Kiev

1125

Death of Vladimir Monomakh; Mstislav Vladimirovich becomes prince of Kiev

1132

Death of Mstislav; Iaropolk Vladimirovich becomes prince of Kiev

1139

Death of Iaropolk; Vsevolod Ol’govich of Chernigov becomes prince of Kiev

1146

Death of Vsevolod; Iziaslav Mstislavich becomes prince of Kiev

1154

Death of Iziaslav

1155

Iurii Dolgorukii becomes prince of Kiev
Chronology

1157  Death of Iurii Dolgorukii
1159  Rostislav Mstislavich becomes prince of Kiev
1167  Death of Rostislav; Mstislav Iziaslavich becomes prince of Kiev
1169  Andrei Bogoliubskii attacks Kiev
1176  Sviatoslav Vsevolodovich becomes prince of Kiev
1177  Vsevolod ‘Big Nest’ becomes prince of Vladimir
1185  Prince Igor is defeated by the Polovtsy
1194  Death of Sviatoslav; Riurik Rostislavich becomes prince of Kiev
1203  Riurik sacks Kiev in course of dynastic conflict
1208  Death of Riurik; Vsevolod Chermnyi (‘the Red’) becomes prince of Kiev
1212  Deaths of Vsevolod Big Nest and Vsevolod the Red; Mstislav Romanovich becomes prince of Kiev
1223  Tatars defeat princes of Rus at Battle of Kalka; Mstislav is killed and Vladimir Riurikovich becomes prince of Kiev
1237  Mikhail Vsevolodovich of Chernigov becomes prince of Kiev; Tatar invasion begins
1240  Tatars capture Kiev; Aleksandr Nevskii defeats Swedes on River Neva
1242  Aleksandr Nevskii defeats Teutonic Knights at Lake Chud’
1243  Khan Baty appoints Iaroslav Vsevolodovich of Vladimir as prince of Kiev in place of Mikhail
1246  Baty executes Mikhail; Iaroslav dies
1247  Sviatoslav Vsevolodovich becomes prince of Vladimir
1249  Andrei Iaroslavich becomes prince of Vladimir
1252  Aleksandr Nevskii becomes prince of Vladimir
1263  Death of Aleksandr Nevskii; Iaroslav Iaroslavich becomes prince of Vladimir
1271/2  Death of Iaroslav
1272  Vasiliy Iaroslavich becomes prince of Vladimir
1277  Death of Vasiliy; Dmitrii Aleksandrovich becomes prince of Vladimir
1294  Death of Dmitrii; Andrei Aleksandrovich becomes prince of Vladimir
1299  Metropolitan Maksim moves from Kiev to Vladimir
1304  Death of Andrei; Mikhail Iaroslavich of Tver’ becomes prince of Vladimir
1318  Mikhail executed by Khan Uzbek; Iurii Daniilovich of Moscow becomes prince of Vladimir
1322  Dmitrii Mikhailovich of Tver’ becomes prince of Vladimir
Chronology

1325  Dmitrii executed by Uzbek; Aleksandr Mikhailovich of Tver’ becomes prince of Vladimir
1331  Ivan Daniilovich of Moscow (Ivan I Kalita) becomes sole grand prince of Vladimir
1341  Death of Ivan Kalita; Semen Ivanovich becomes grand prince of Vladimir
1353  Death of Semen; Ivan II Ivanovich becomes grand prince of Vladimir
1359  Death of Ivan II
1362  Dmitrii Ivanovich of Moscow (Dmitrii Donskoi) becomes grand prince of Vladimir
1380  Battle of Kulikovo
1389  Death of Dmitrii Donskoi; Vasilii I Dmitr’evich becomes grand prince of Vladimir
1425  Death of Vasilii I; Vasilii II Vasil’evich becomes grand prince of Vladimir
1437–9  Council of Ferrara-Florence: proclaims reunion of Orthodox and Catholic Churches
1441  Vasilii II rejects union with Rome, and deposes Metropolitan Isidor
1448  Russian bishops elect Bishop Iona of Riazan’ as metropolitan
1453  Constantinople falls to the Turks
1456  Treaty of Iazhelbitsii with Novgorod
1462  Death of Vasilii II; Ivan III Vasil’evich becomes grand prince of Muscovy
1472  Sophia Palaeologa becomes second wife of Ivan III
1478  Ivan III annexes Novgorod
1480  Encounter with Great Horde on River Ugra
1485  Ivan III annexes Tver’
1497  Law Code (sudebnik) issued
1498  Ivan III has his grandson Dmitrii Ivanovich crowned as co-ruler and heir
1502  Ivan III arrests Dmitrii Ivanovich
1503  Church Council meets
1504  Heretics are condemned by a Church Council
1505  Death of Ivan III; Vasilii III Ivanovich becomes grand prince
1510  Vasilii III annexes Pskov
1514  Vasilii III annexes Smolensk
1521  Vasilii III annexes Riazan’
1521  Crimean Tatars attack Moscow
Chronology

1525  Vasilii III divorces his first wife, Solomoniiia
1526  Vasilii III marries Elena Glinskaia
1533  Death of Vasilii III; Ivan IV Vasil'evich becomes grand prince
1538  Death of Ivan’s mother, the regent Elena Glinskaia
1542  Makarii becomes metropolitan
1547  Ivan IV is crowned with the title of ‘tsar’
1550  New Law Code issued
1551  Stoglav Church Council meets
1552  Conquest of Kazan’
1556  Conquest of Astrakhan’
1558–83 Livonian war
1563  Death of Metropolitan Makarii
1565–72 oprichnina
1566  First ‘Assembly of the Land’
1569  Ottoman–Crimean expedition against Astrakhan’
1570  oprichniki sack Novgorod
1571  Crimean Tatars burn Moscow
1572  Crimean Tatars defeated at Battle of Molodi
1575–6 Ivan installs Simeon Bekbulatovich as grand prince of Moscow
1581  Ivan kills his son and heir, Tsarevich Ivan Ivanovich
1582  Ernak defeats Siberian khan
1584  Death of Ivan IV; Fedor Ivanovich becomes tsar
1589  Russian patriarchate established
1591  Death of Tsarevich Dmitrii Ivanovich of Uglic
1597  Legislation on peasants and slaves
1598  Death of Tsar Fedor; election of Boris Godunov as tsar
1601–3 Famine
c.1603–13 ‘Time of Troubles’
1603  Appearance of First False Dmitrii in Poland
1604  First False Dmitrii invades Russia
1605  Death of Boris Godunov; murder of his son Fedor; First False Dmitrii becomes tsar
1606  Overthrow and murder of First False Dmitrii; Vasilii Shuiskii becomes tsar
1606–7 Bolotnikov revolt
1607–10 Second False Dmitrii challenges Shuiskii
1609  Swedes intervene to support Shuiskii; Poles besiege Smolensk
1610  Shuiskii is deposed; throne is offered to Prince Władysław of Poland; Poles occupy Moscow; Second False Dmitrii is murdered
Chronology

1611  First national militia attempts to liberate Moscow
1612  Second national militia, led by Minin and Pozharskii, succeeds in liberating Moscow
1613  Michael Romanov is elected tsar
1617  Treaty of Stolbovo with Sweden
1618  Treaty of Deulino with Poland
1619  Filaret Romanov becomes patriarch
1632–4  Smolensk war
1633  Death of Patriarch Filaret
1634  Peace of Polianovka with Poland
1637  Don cossacks capture Azov
1645  Death of Michael; Alexis becomes tsar
1648  Popular uprising in Moscow
1648  Bohdan Khmel’nyts’kyi leads revolt against Poland in Ukraine
1649  Conciliar Law Code (Ulozhenie) issued
1652  Nikon becomes patriarch
1654  Pereiaslav Treaty
1654–67  Thirteen Years War
1662  ‘Copper riot’ in Moscow
1666  Nikon is deposed as patriarch
1666–7  Church councils confirm new rites
1668–76  Siege of Solovetskii monastery
1670–71  Sten’ka Razin’s revolt
1676  Death of Alexis; Fedor Alekseevich becomes tsar
1676–81  Russo-Turkish war
1682  Death of Fedor; Ivan V and Peter I become co-tsars, under the regency of their sister, Sophia
1689  Overthrow of Regent Sophia
List of abbreviations

AAE Akty, sobranye v bibliotekakh i arkhivakh Rossii skoi imperii
Arkheograficheskoiu ekspeditsiiu Imperatorskoi Akademii nauk
AI Akty Istoricheskie, sobranye i izdannye Arkheograficheskoiu
Komissiieiu
AN SSSR Akademiia nauk SSSR
CASS Canadian-American Slavic Studies
ChOIDR Chtenia v Imperatorskom Obshchestve Istorii i Drevnostei Rossii pri
Moskovskom Universitete
DopAI Dopolnenia k Aktam Istoricheskim, sobranye i izdannye
Arkheograficheskoiu Komissiieiu
FOG Forschungen zur osteurop¨aischen Geschichte
HUS Harvard Ukrainian Studies
IZ Istoricheskie Zapiski
JGO Jahrb¨ucher f¨ur Geschichte Osteuropas
Kritika Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History (new series)
LGU Leningradskii Gosudarstvennyi Universitet
MERSH Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet History
MGU Moskovskii Gosudarstvennyi Universitet
PRP Pamiatniki russkogo prava
PSRL Polnoe sobranie russkikh letopisei
RAN Rossiiskaia Akademiia Nauk
RH Russian History / Histoire Russe
RR Russian Review
RZ Rossiiskoe zakonodatel’stv o X–XX vekov
SEER Slavonic and East European Review
SGGD Sobranie Gosudarstvennykh Gramot i Dokumentov, khraniashchikhsia
v Gosudarstvennoi kollegii inostrannykh del
SR Slavic Review
TODRL Trudy Otdela drevnerusskoi literatury
VI Voprosy istorii