

## **19 October - Saint John of Rila (The Greatest venerated Bulgarian saint) Dormition feast day**

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John received his Glorification and Salvation on the day of his Dormition.

Shortly before his death (Aug 18, 946) St. Ivan of Rila wrote his Testament **Zavet (the bulgarian word for testament)**. st. John's Testament is a literary work and a a deeply spiritual Christian message instructing his successors how to adjoin to proper a high *spiritual life*. The testament is an instruction dedicated to teach the whole Bulgarian nation to stick firmly to faith in Christ and live a good life in Christ.