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## The First Hermit and Mystic- Part I

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**Sergius** is a popular and beloved saint of Russia and is considered her patron. He

became the patron of the principality of Moscow in the fifteenth century, when it began to conquer and unite under its rule the whole of Great Russian, and the extension of his cult soon after his death (1392), is partially explained by the services which he had rendered as a counselor and adviser (and not in spiritual matters alone) to the Russian princes and as the faithful supporter of Moscow's princely line. [\(περισσότερα...\)](#)