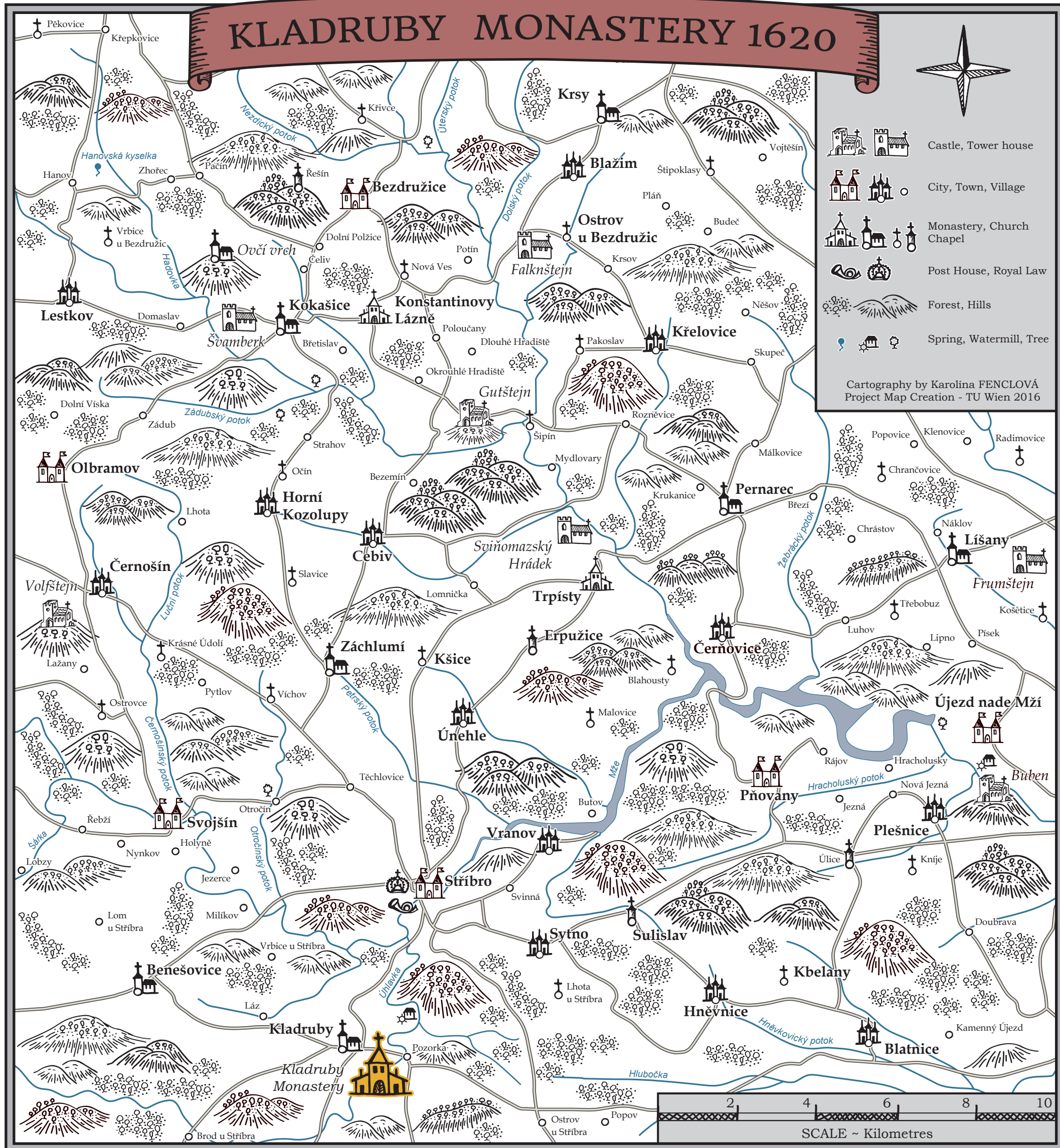


# KLADRUBY MONASTERY 1620



## About the Benedictine Monastery in Kladrubby

The monastery in Kladrubby is one of the oldest Czech monasteries. It was founded in 1114 by Prince Vladislav at the place that had been revered as the center of faith, culture and even economy of the western border of the Czech lands. The Romanesque three-aisle basilica Ascension of the Virgin Mary into Heaven, in its biggest time in Czech, was finished more than 100 later, in 1233. Its measurements make it one of the three biggest Czech cathedrals besides St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague and Cathedral of St. Barbara in Kutná Hora. Over time, the monastery gradually increased in wealth, power and significance. More than once, it played host to emperor, Charles IV.. At the end of the 14th century, archbishopric vicar John of Nepomuk played the part of abbot, one of the main roles with a sorrowful end. John, who came from the nearby Nepomuk, got involved in a power dispute with the Prague archbishop John of Jenštejn and King Vaclav IV. He left John to be tortured and drowned in the Vltava River in the year 1393.

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