

## Gorchakov



### *Description of Arms :*

Or, an eagle displayed sable, its beak armed argent, ensigned with the coronet of a Russian Prince, and clenching in its sinister claw a crozier in bend, gold.

**Principal Title :** Prince Gorchakov.

**Creation :** By tradition.

**Alternative Spelling :** Gortchakov, Gortchakoff, Gortschakow, etc ...

**Family Name :** Gorchakov.

**Family History :** Members of this family are cousins to many other Russian princes, in that they are descended from St Vladimir Sviatoslavich, the Christianiser of Russia. The saint had a son, Yaroslav Vladimirovich, and he in turn placed his son on the throne of Chernigov. From him are descended the Princes of Chernigov.

In the absence of surnames, it was common practice in Russia to add the father's name onto that of the son - with the addition of vich at the end. This custom persisted in ordinary life, until very recently and even, on occasion, to this very day. One still hears someone addressed as Boris Ivanovich - or whatever. This indicates Boris, son of Ivan.

Various generation succeeded until, in 1539, Prince Ivan Fedorovich Peremyshlsky-Gorchakov was granted the City of Karachev.

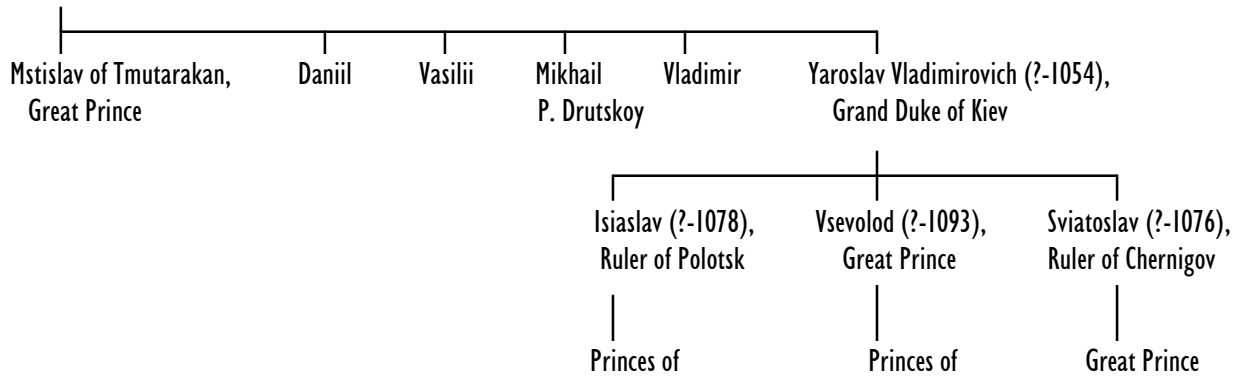
By 1570, Prince Petr Ivanovich Gorchakov was listed amongst the ranks of lesser gentry. This partial eclipse was rectified by other members serving as *Okolnichii*, *Stolniks* or in other distinguished positions. An okolnichii was a courtier, close to the Great Prince and one of his trusted advisors and assistants, an significant position. A stolnik was originally a waiter at the great ruler's table ( stol means table in Russian ). However the situation was of considerably more importance than the name might imply.

An indication of the status that had been achieved by the Gorchakovs is that, in 1871, they were officially enrolled as princes, with the prefix of Serene Highness. They were also recognised in several other countries, mostly under the aegis of Russia. They were, additionally, granted several estates and orders, as a token of the monarch's esteem.

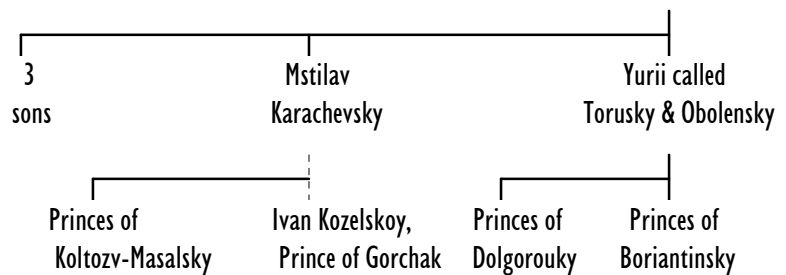
In 1874, they further became Grandeets of Spain, 1st Class.

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### Saint Vladimir Sviatoslavich (c. 956-1015), Great Prince and Christianiser of Russia



Mikhail



Prince Nicolas Alexandrovitch Gortchakov (1856-?)  
= Alexandra Odoevsky

Prince Victor (1905-1931)  
= Zoe Seleznev

Prince NICOLAÏ (1928-)  
= Christiane Laurent

MICHEL (1952-) Catherine (1963-) = M. Bigot

### Prince Constantin Gortchakov

Princesse Tatiana Constantinovna Gortchakov (1940-)  
= Count Franz von Schönborn-Wiesentheid

Count Clemens (1964-)	Count Constantin (1966-)	Countess Alexandra (1967-)
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