

Church Slavonic Pronunciation

VOWELS

a	f <u>a</u> ther
â	<u>u</u> n
e	<u>e</u> lk
i	<u>i</u> f
o	shorter than n <u>o</u> th
u	shorter than <u>u</u> rge
ŭ	r <u>u</u> n
y	f <u>oo</u> l

DIPHTHONGS

aj	k <u>a</u> yak
ej	pr <u>e</u> y
oj	b <u>o</u> y

CONSONANTS

b	<u>b</u> ut
c	Fr <u>a</u> nce
č	<u>c</u> ello
ch	<u>ch</u> air
d	<u>d</u> og
dž	dred <u>g</u> e
f	<u>f</u> ive
g	<u>g</u> o
h	like ch in B <u>a</u> ch (kh)
j	like y in <u>y</u> esterday
k	<u>k</u> itten
l	like l in <u>l</u> etter, but harder
lj	like ly in h <u>al</u> yard
m	<u>m</u> other
n	<u>N</u> ovember
nj	like ny in <u>c</u> anyon
p	<u>p</u> aper
r	an "English" r, rolled or trilled, with tip of tongue placed lightly on back of upper teeth
s	<u>s</u> ister
š	<u>s</u> ugar
sh	<u>sh</u> oe
t	like t in <u>t</u> otal, but not as hard
ts	t <u>se</u> fly

v verb
z zero
ž zure
zh giraffe

In general, Church Slavonic sounds the way it is written. With a few exceptions, consonants are pronounced as in English. There are six vowels in transliterated Church Slavonic and an additional two vowels with accents.