

THE HOMILY FOR THE DORMITION OF THE VIRGIN BY GREGORY
PALAMAS: AT THE ORIGIN OF THE SLAVONIC MANUSCRIPT TRADITION

(Ms. Sankt Petersburg, RNB, Kir.-Bel. 32/1109)

(Summary)

There are several 14th century South Slavonic Athonite manuscripts as well as some 15th century East Slavonic copies that contain the homily for the Dormition of the Virgin by Gregory Palamas. The article proposes precise dates and determines the redactions of all the known mss. The codex Sankt Petersburg RNB Kir.-Bel. 32/1109, which has not been taken into consideration in this context so far, is suggested to be the link between the South and East Slavonic ms. tradition of the homily. The ms. is a miscellany, the composition of which is typical of 15th century Athonite traditions. The article contains a complete codicological description that allows for a more precise evaluation of the merits of the ms. The study of the watermarks places the ms. around 1365–1375. The paleographic analysis indicates that the ms. was most likely written in the Iov circle. The analysis of the contents lists all the texts, and the study of the manuscript's history points to the first half of the 14th century. Finally the comparison with the East Slavonic manuscripts containing the homily allows for the conclusion that the codex is at the origin of the East Slavonic tradition of the homily.

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