

TOWARDS THE DETERMINATION OF THE RELATIVE CHRONOLOGY OF THE 1ST
AND 2ND REDACTION OF THE PLAIN SYNAXARION

(Summary)

The article investigates the chronology of the 1st and 2nd redaction of the Plain Synaxarion. The author analyses the structures of the 1st and the 2nd redaction, performs a comparative analysis of the two and also compares them with the Slavonic Synaxarion in the Stanislavov Prologue of 1330 (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, № 53) and the copy of the Slavonic Synaxarion of 1339 (Russian National Library, M. Pogodin's collection, № 58). The comparative analysis is based on the handwritten copies of the 1st and 2nd redaction of the Synaxarion dating to the 15th and 16th centuries stored in the Library of the Academy of Science of Lithuania (F. 19, № 93, 94) and the National Library of Belarus (091/4212 K). The comparative analysis equally draws on the Plain Synaxarion contained in the Grand Monthly Readings of the Moscow Metropolitan Macarius. The structural analysis allows the author to construe two theories on the chronology of the editions of the Plain Synaxarion. However, the thesis that the original edition is the 2nd redaction is less likely to be true because of a number of major inconsistencies. The hypothesis that the 1st redaction preceded the 2nd is supported by the contents of the didactic readings of the Plain Synaxarion. Linguistic text analysis of the general lectures contained in the 1st and 2nd redaction deriving from The Life of Andreas Salos and the Parable of Barlaam and Josaphat demonstrates that the compilers of the 2nd redaction did not directly work with these sources and only edited the text of the 1st redaction.

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