

THE NOTES IN THE CALENDARS OF SOME SLAVONIC APOSTOLOI IN
COMPARISON WITH THE BYZANTINE SYNAXARIA

(Summary)

In this paper, the calendars of thirty Slavonic Apostoloi are analyzed. The notes in the calendars of some of them, especially in Apostolos 502, kept in the National Library in Sofia, and in Apostolos 35, kept in the Hludov collection in the State Historical Museum in Moscow, include short vitae of the saints or some information about the saints or the feasts. These notes, however, differ from the information in the Typicon of the Great Church (manuscripts Patmos no. 266 and Jerusalem, Holy Cross no. 40). Moreover, some of the feasts for which such notes exist in the Apostoloi were not included in the Typicon of the Great Church. In some cases, these data are close to the vitae (or to parts of them) in the Slavonic Prolog, but in other cases they are entirely different. Furthermore, in some cases they are similar to the texts in the Menologion of Basil II, but more often the texts in these two sources do not coincide.

The paper outlines the possible sources of the notes in the calendars mentioned and the reasons for including such short texts in the calendars of the Slavonic Apostoloi. Furthermore, it discusses the Slavonic saints and the notes on them in the Slavonic Apostoloi. It is suggested that the commemorations of the Slavonic saints and the additional information about other saints and feasts were incorporated into the calendars of the early Apostoloi simultaneously in one or more scribal centres, most probably in Bulgaria.

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