
This Greek lectionary of the gospels was formerly in the library of the gymnasium at Horsens, Jutland, and was first brought to the attention of hagiographers in 1913, when a report upon it was made in Byzantinische Zeitschrift by J. L. Heisberg: his work was commented upon by Hippolyte Delehaye with peremptory criticism for its errors of report and elucidation. Since then it seems to have remained hidden from the view of scholars until, as it chances, my own research upon the calendar of two other biblical MSS. (Vienna, Nationalbibl. Gr. Theol. 302 and Paris, Bibl. Nat. Coislin 224) led me by way of Delehaye's remarks to acquaint myself with the document itself by microfilm. These observations, then, form an appendix to the presentation of that calendar already published in Analecta Bollandiana, since the MS. of Copenhagen here we represents a weaker form of the same tradition of commemorations there found.

The MS. is classified by Heisberg as eleventh century: it would seem to be at least from late in the century, since Eustathius of Constantinople, patriarch 1019 - 1025 is commemorated; and on palaeographical grounds I should be inclined to date in the following century. A library catalogue written in a later hand on one of its latter leaves suggests that it once belonged to the monastery of the Medikion in Bithynia. It is illuminated by four miniatures of the evangelists. Its writing is clear, but its orthography sometimes careless, as κιλιτου for φιλητου (March 28) and μελινυς for μετιλινυς (April 16) show.

Apart from simple spelling errors such as these, which might well be those of the scribe, other transcriptional errors may have a longer history of corruption behind them. Amongst these, the most striking are the following: On July 13, βεροικυς εικι αιμορρου : on August 27 ου δειον κορδοβας
The latter, a form known in other MSS., often with the further transformation κοινοβύς which is not found here. On August 30 Photius is presumably a corruption of Phantinos (Nov. 14, no. 5 in the Synaxarion Constantinopolitanum, but in six MSS. commemorated on this date). On April 29 the martyrs of Kyzikon, normally given as nine in number, are twenty-two. However the problem is partially solved by the knowledge that some biblical menologies give the twenty-two martyrs and the nine martyrs of Kyzikon as commemorated on this date. A simple error per homoioteleuton lies behind the reading of our MS., but leaves unresolved the problem of these unknown twenty-two, whose place of martyrdom is unknown, not given in any of these sources. On April 15, in common with other biblical MSS., the Copenhagen MS. commemorates 

λεονίδου, νικοδήμου και τῶν ὀφείλον (also known on the 17th. of this month). Nikodemos, however, is a stranger to the martyrs of Corinth who are here referred to, amongst whom Nike is found. A corruption of her name may lie behind the reading here, or a transference (and duplicate mention) of the Nikodemos known from the Vienna and Coislin MSS., and the Neapolitan marble calendar on March 15.

There are in all documents of this genre many transpositions and duplications. In the Copenhagen MS. we find double commemorations of Arethas (Oct. 1 and 24), Niketas (Febr. 3 and April 3), Paphnutios (Febr. 20 and April 20), disciple of St. Paul, Mamelchthe (October 5 and June 6), Artemon (March 21 and 24), and the prophet Ezekiel (June 19 and July 21). Transposed dates of commemoration are found for Artemon, presumably the martyr of Laodicæa (Nov. 12 from April 12), Hesychius (March 5 from 28), Patermouthios and Kopres (April 9 from July 9), Eustathius of Antioch (June 5 from February 21), Hypatios (June 9 from 17), Anthousa Arethusa, presumably the coenobite of July 27 (to July 6), Stephen the Sabaites (July 13 from October 28), Anatolios (July 24, presumably the martyr of April 23), and Gelastos (July 30 from February 26 and subsequent days).
Amongst these, only the cases of Artemon, Hypatios and Anatees Anatolios are unknown in other sources.

In several instances a different terminology from that of the Synaxarium Constantinopolitanum indicates a commemoration attested there. Thus, on Jan 10 apparently indicates John, formerly bishop of Colonia, constituted head of the monastery of the Scholarii by St. Saba (Syn. Const. Dec. 7/8); the Palestino-Georgian calendar commemorates him on Jan 4.

On March 22, the patriarch Thomas I of Constantinople is presumably intended by the name of The well-known Niketas of the monastery of the Medikion in Bithynia (commemorated in this calendar on Feb 3 as is on April 3 called as a place name in Bithynia but apparently does not elsewhere appear in direct connection with Niketas. On June 5, the repulsed assailants of Constantinople are called Avars by our document alone, and those of August are termed Saracens, an identification which is otherwise found in the in 616 is celebrated on August 16 but correctly A.D. 617. In August 16 the well-known image of the Lord is called "the Mandelion", a term encountered elsewhere, but not used in Syn. Const.

A number of commemorations and other festivals are found which have left no trace in the MSS. utilised by Delehaye but are known elsewhere. First amongst these are two festivals of the Theotokos: and a dedication of her sanctuary on Sept 21 and a dedication of her sanctuary on Nov 4, both known in Gedeon’s Hiera Morion. The dedication of the shrine is known in Syn. Const. on May 5, a dual occurrence which in Janin’s view points to a history of reconstruction or restoration. Macarius of Jerusalem, whose absence from Greek menaia surpitzed Le Quien, is commemorated here on Feb 26
as in other biblical MSS. and in the Palestine-Georgian calendar (which mentions him on no less than three other occasions). Eustathius of Constantinople is commemorated on May 31 and Paul of Kaisuma, martyr under the Iconoclasts, on June 8.

As we have seen, this calendar has close links with the tradition represented in the Vienna and Coislin MSS. Amongst other instances of the relationship are those of John of Sardis, Dec. 17, here specified as bishop, the error of the reading 'Εμπυσίου locb 'Αφθικνου (April 2), April 12, Gerontios (here however martyr, not father of St. George), and Saba ev βεν Θρασεί (August 28). But it is clear that this MS. is far closer to the Constantinopolitan norm, and presents no subsingular readings with the older hagiographical sources such as the Neapolitan calendar and the Martyrologium Hieronymianum. With the Georgian calendar it shares only the John of December 17, whom the Georgian makes bishop of Sardica, and with the Melkite tradition, James bishop of Antioch commemorated on April 14.

Amongst the singular attestations in this document we find the following: on March 15, Pionius of Jerusalem, which may be a doublet of the well-known Pionius martyr in Smyrna (Syn. Const. March 11, here March 10). Trophimus on Oct. 13 with Carpus and Papyrus (as also in Paris Bibli. Nat. Gr. 279, a gospel lectionary written in uncial script). Neophytus is named on Oct. 17 with Isidora, a combination of names elsewhere attested but unidentifiable, and the name again occurs on March 31, in this case with Menander, a commemoration known also in Greek and Melkite sources. On Dec. 31 where the Vienna and Coislin MSS. give 'Εσπυσίου, the Copenhagen MS. gives the form 'Εσπυνέωσ. Are these references related to the commemoration of Irenaeus of Lyons on Dec. 21 in a Syriac calendar edited by Nau, B.M. Add. 14504? On June 12, we meet the enigmatic Κοφατος, Μεν.
but I suggest for the criticism of colleagues a tenuous link as follows.

On the same date in the Melkite calendar Vat.Syr.20, in Vat.Syr.69 and in
the Maronite calendar of Vat.Syr.313 we find an unidentified Julian. The
Palestino-Georgian calendar has an unknown Julian on Oct.11, whom Garitte
plausibly explains as Juliana, Paul Stratonicus and others (Greek synaxaria
March 4 and August 17). Amongst the others the executioner Quadratus is
subsumed. Is the Melkite reference to this group and the reference of the
Copenhagen MS. to this member of it? We shall not be able to accept this
with any confidence until we can explain the phrase ὕπος ὑπὲρ ἀνεξαίτητος
which can only be mentioned in this paper as unelucidated.

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Notes.
2. Analecta Bollandiana Vol. XXXI.
4. F.L. 8° col. 2.
7. It is interesting that two other men of episcopal dignity should also in certain documents be referred to as "deacon", namely the Euthalius who has given his name to a well-known ancient scholarly apparatus to the Praxedes of Harkel, Syriac Monophysite translator of the New Testament.
8. The Synaxarium Constantinopolitanum gives its account in only the most general of terms. I owe the identification to the notes of J. Mateos, Le Typicon de la grande Eglise (Orientalia Christiana Analecta 165-166. 1962) Tome I, p. 307 n. 2.
12. Parrologia Orientalis Vol. 10 (1915) pp. 35-48