THE DIGITAL LIBRARY OF THE ST. ST. CYRIL AND METHODOIUS NATIONAL LIBRARY – REALITY AND DREAMS

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DIGITAL LIBRARY – TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ISSUES

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The reality
Cultural heritage

- Slavonic and in particular Bulgarian Cyrillic manuscripts, dated from the end of the 10th to the end of the 18th century;
- foreign-language manuscripts, dated from the 10th to 17th century;
- archival documents from the 19th and 20th century, divided in four basic groups – archival documents, related to the history of the Bulgarian Revival, the wars for national liberation and the development of the new Bulgarian state and its institutions after the Liberation;
- archives of writers;
- documents in Ottoman Turkish and Arabic,
- visual archives – portraits and photos;
- old printed publications in Bulgarian and other languages.

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NARROW RESULTS:
- PLACE
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  - Bulgaria
  - Varna (1)
- TIME
  - 6th CE - 11th CE (8)
  - 9th CE - 10th CE (2)
  - 12th CE - 13th CE (2)
  - Mars 1
- TOPIC
  - Religion (2)
  - History & Geography (7)
- ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS
  - Christianity (4)
  - Catholic Church (2)
  - Bible, New Testament (3)
  - Maps (3)
  - Books (1)
- TYPE OF ITEM
  - Manuscripts (9)
  - Maps (12)
- LANGUAGE

Apostolic Lectionary

The Apostolic Lectionary, written on parchment in the second half of the 13th century, is one of the important linguistic sources detailing the early (Preslia) from the later (Arnobius) redaction of this liturgical book. The lectionary contains the portions of scripture, the lessons, to be read at divine service on particular days of the church calendar. This manuscript is remarkable for the completeness of the readings from the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles, and for its detailed monograms, a monthly calendar indicating the feast days of saints.

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Dobrogea Gospel

This parchment manuscript, of which only a part has survived, is from the first quarter of the 13th century. The year 1221 was written on the manuscript at a significantly later date and may have been copied from an original composition by a later owner. Known as the Dobrogea Gospel, the manuscript is an important witness to the history and early development of the Bulgarian language. Of particular interest is the rich illumination, including the full-page miniatures of the evangelists Luke and John. The portrait of the latter is accompanied.

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Banska Gospel

The Banska Gospel, written on parchment in Church Slavonic in the late 13th century, is one of the manuscripts testifying to the end of the anastyly of Bulgarian men of letters at around this time. The colophon indicates that the scribe who made the manuscript was the priest lonin at Saint Nicholas Church in the village of Banska (Preslia) in the (Vidin region of present-day northeastern Bulgaria). The characteristic script and the ornamental illumination, elaborated in black, red, and yellow ink, reflect a local manuscript tradition. The monograms include...
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Serials

- newspapers and magazines from the period of the National Revival (published by prominent Bulgarian cultural and revolutionary figures before the Liberation of Bulgaria);
- all the newspapers and magazines, published in the first years of New Bulgaria – i.e. after 03.03.1878 and a number of other periodicals;
- the most famous literary magazines from the first quarter of the last century like “Vezni” and “Hiperion” etc. on the digital project “The Bulgarian modernism” jointly with the Institute for Literature to the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

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“The Bulgarian Fourteenth Century”

Rila Monastery
“The Bulgarian Fourteenth Century”

Rila Charter of Ivan Shishman of Bulgaria
“The Bulgarian Fourteenth Century”

Manasses Chronicle, the Vatican Library

Four Gospels of Ivan Alexander, Library of the British Museum, London
Miniatures from writings, having different provenance, but identical or similar subjects
Periodicals of the Third Bulgarian Kingdom

- First periodicals after the Liberation – Balgarskiy glas – 1879;
  Balgarska ilyustratsia – 1880; Tarnovska konstitutsia – 1884
Periodicals of the Third Bulgarian Kingdom

• Otechestvo - 1884
Prohibited, pursued and destroyed texts from the 5th century B.C. to the end of the 19th century.
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Collection with amulets from the 17th century
Thank you for the attention

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Amulet against vampires and woman malevolence