

ANNOTATIONS

N.A. Khandoga. Commentary on the Apocalypse by St. Victorinus of Poetovio

The article contains information on the Apocalypse by St. Apostle John the Theologian, as well as “Commentary on the Apocalypse” by St. Victorinus of Poetovio. Following the author of the Apocalypse the exegete of Poetovio pays special attention to three kinds of the Judgment. St. Victorinus was the first to state ‘repetition theory’, according to which in the Apocalypse the same events are considered in the iterative sequence of seven seals, seven trumpets and seven chalices. “Commentary on the Apocalypse” by St. Victorinus of Poetovio gives the solution to the social and economic problems raised in the Apocalypse by St. John the Theologian. The article precedes the publication of the work’s partial translation from Latin into Russian.

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St. Victorinus of Poetovio. Commentary on the Apocalypse (Commentarii in Apocalypsin)

The “Commentary on the Apocalypse” is the earliest full commentary of St. John the Theologian’s Revelation, which was written by St. Victorinus of Poetovio after 260 in connection with the events that had shaken the Roman Empire: the defeat, captivity and disgraceful death of Emperor Valerianus (253–260). Here the exegete of Poetovio reveals the theme of everlasting struggle between Christ and antichrist. The work culminates in God’s Judgment of the wicked, after which they will not have time for repentance. The Russian translation of six chapters of the “Commentary on the Apocalypse” from Latin made by N.A. Khandoga has been published for the first time.

Sebastian P. Brock. Saint Ephrem — Singer of the Word of God

The article of the leading specialist in Syrian Studies considers some interesting biographical information about St. Ephrem the Syrian, as well as his methodology in describing the mysterious God manifested in the Revelation. St. Ephrem’s method, which he applies to interpreting the Holy Scripture in order to extract from it spiritual and mysterious meaning, is investigated. The article analyzes some fragments of the Holy Father’s own poetic work, which serve as peculiar interpretation of the sacred history events. The extracts have been translated from Syriac by Sebastian P. Brock.

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M. V. Shkarovsky. Topical Problems of Russian Church Emigration in XXth Century: Historiographic and Source Study Aspects

The article represents analytical review of main problems concerning the life of Russian Church emigration in XXth century according to their reflection in sources and works of historians as well as direct witnesses of those events. The article has historiographic format. The author demonstrates the whole investigation on described topic reviewing and systematizing big number of Russian as well as foreign works.

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Archimandrite Avgustin (Nikitin). The Kazan Cathedral in Saint Petersburg: Devoted to Its 200th Anniversary

The article is a research on the history of the Kazan Cathedral in St. Petersburg. It gives an account of the history of the cathedral from the construction of the Church of Nativity of the Theotokos in the epoch of Anna Ioannovna (1733) until the consecration of the magnificent Kazan Cathedral, erected in its place during the reign of Alexander I (1811). The events of the history of the cathedral are considered within the context of Russian political history. The article is provided with numerous citations of both Russian and foreign authors and witnesses of the historical events described.

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Hieromonk Varlaam (Gorokhov). The Problem of Forming the Political Institution of Monarchy in Ancient Israel (according to Modern Foreign Historiography)

The article represents one of the possible variants of accepting creatively the achievements of Western Biblical Studies by exemplifying the critical analysis of the main contemporary trends in the study of St. Paul's epistles. It considers the key issues and problems of studying the legacy of the gentiles' apostle at the present stage, and outlines the basic contours of the future development of the methodological paradigms of national Orthodox Biblical Studies.

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Archpriest Alexander Pavlov. Professor of the Kazan Theological Academy I.F. Grigoriev

The present article is the first detailed work devoted to the life and activity of Ivan F. Grigoriev (1872/73 – after 1921), Professor of the Chair of the Holy Scripture of the Old Testament at the Kazan Theological Academy and author of one of the first works on the Old Testament Messianic Studies in Russia. His formation as a researcher occurred during the heyday of academic activity in the Kazan Theological Academy, and the formation of the Old Testament Exegetics school there, led by Pavel Yungerov. The article is the first to characterize the Russian Biblicist's teaching activity on the basis of archival documents. It also eliminates some inaccuracies found in the reference bibliographic literature connected with the name of Ivan F. Grigoriev.

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Priest Alexey Boriskin. Specifics of Orthodox Pastoral Ministry in Children's Hospital

The analysis of questioning 152 respondents on priest's ministry at children's hospital has been carried out. Patients and their parents, medical workers, priests, and teachers of the parish Sunday schools of Veliky Novgorod answered the questionnaire specially prepared by the author. Based on the received statistical data and the author's own experience of pastoral ministry, conclusions about the specifics of Orthodox priest's ministry at children's hospital are drawn, and practical recommendations are provided.

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A.V. Shuvalov. Psychological Health and Christian Spiritual Tradition

The author attempts to correlate rational psychological knowledge and Christian anthropology in understanding the essence of human health. The problem of psychological health in its worldview and scientific aspects is the leitmotif of the article.

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