There are few instances of MS(S) of Byzantine music comprising a Catalog of those who, one way or another, dealt with this art. Among the hosts of old MS(S) texts in various collections, archives and libraries of Romania, there singles out the Greek Manuscript 923 at the Library of the Romanian Academy in Bucharest; it comprises an alphabetical list of composers, psaltae, copyists, miniaturists, etc. Since it is most interesting in point of structure, there follows its minute description.

The Greek Manuscript 923 is actually a "Papadichie" dating from the 18th century; it contains four works of musical theory and a Catalog. It has IV + 58folios plus 85 white sheets appended at the end, which the copyist is likely to have destined for further theoretical works. It is a manuscript in evarto,  $240 \times 180$ mm in size, with pasteboard covers in dark green leather and floral inlays. Its paper is white, with filigrees of Italian origin (Toscolano), 238×173 mm in size. The lay-out of its pages is variable (c.  $175 \times 120$  mm), with 32 lines written in black and red. The manuscript has survived unimpaired, with a distinct writing that is tiny and beautifully drawn. It has XVI fascicles in cvarto, with sheets that are paginated manually from I to IV and mechanically from 1 to 59. The mechanical pagination is unbroken; however two sheets are missing from fascicle XII, i.e. those which should have been paginated from 41 to 44. The white sheets forming fascicles XVII—XXVI are grouped in octavo, the paper having the same structure as in the first part of the manuscript. The last fascicle, i.e. XXVII, contains four white sheets too. The manual pagination of the sheets in fascicles XVII—XXI, i.e. leaves 60—99, is broken, so that the white sheets of the last fascicles are not paginated. On top of leaves 2 and 21° framings are beautifully drawn and coloured and the initials adorned with vegetal drawings, whereas the musical notation in the text is drawn in red ink. The musical examples in the fourth section of the MS are provided with initial capital letters coloured in red and green.

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A CATALOG OF THOSE ENGAGED IN THE ART OF BYZANTINE MUSIC ALONG TIME (MS '923/BAR)

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bookseller called Marcu Polack in Bucharest, June 9, 1911". A Greek note on leaf 1' reads as follows: "Grammer of an all-wise and all-learned man in the art of music". The same scribe would write at the bottom of leaf 2: "This, along with the others, belong to me, Ioannes Bolenz, 1780, Constantinople".

The first section of the manuscript, i.e. leaves 2-21, contain a copied Grammar of Byzantine music headed as follows: "Introduction in the art of music by way of questions and answers ... made up by me, the humble bishop Kirillos of Marmarinos'' (leaf 3). This grammar is preceded by a lengthy explanatory dedication to the "all-holy, all-wise metropolitan, by the almighty guarded, of the all-holy metropolitan church of Derke, or Kir Samuil". In all likelihood, this dedication, which is also a foreword, belongs to the author himself, that is to Kirillos of Maramarinos, identified by Gregorios Stathis as active in the 18th contury, at me se tia a time when he was writing Old MS at rough of the Texts 305: "A History of the Athenian Ethnological Society" in 1749. As an author of significant "polycleos", "koinonikon", "cherubic hymns", "heirmos kalophonikon" a.o. hymns, Kirillos of 1749 Yeaq. Marmarinos' name appears in several musical manuscripts that may be found musical manuscripts that may be found musical manuscripts that may be found manusc

the Mount Athos, i.e. Xeropotamou, Dochiariou, etc. <sup>2</sup>

The second section of the MS 923/BAR (folios  $21^{v} - 23$ ) contains a more than four page copy of a Catalog of Byzantine and post-Byzantine composers which is unique among the manuscripts in Romania.

The second (in order) Grammar (folios  $23^{v}-29^{v}$ ) is a presentation of the "makams" of the so-called "outward music" ( $\xi \omega \mu \omega \sigma \omega \tilde{\eta} \zeta$ ). Since it fails to set the appropriate examples for the comprehension of the "modes" specific of the Arabian, Turkish, or Persian music, this grammar can be only partially used.

The fourth section of the manuscript, i.e. folios 30-42, is comparatively more unified and explicit. It does not illustrate the relationship between the modes of the Byzantine music and the "makams" by use of scales and charts, but by way of specific melodic formulas, peculiar to the structure of the respective mode. All of them are notated in Byzantine neums.

The fourth section of the MS 923, i.e. folios 42-52, is actually the famous hermeneuties of music (ἐρμηνεία τῆς μουσιεῆς), ascribed to the "all-wise Ioannes Plousiadinos". Dating from the 15th century ³, it is presented by way of questions and answers. It dwells upon the definition of music, the distinction between various kinds of music: it gives information on the "somata", "pnevmata", various modes, Koukouzeles" "paralaghii", etc. Unfortunately, the lack of exemplifications renders the use of this theoretical compendium quite difficult, particularly in its final part.

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On sheets  $21^{v}-23$ , the copyist of the Greek Manuscript 923/BAR has written a Catalog comprising in an alphabetical order all those who, at different periods of time, were engaged in the art of Byzantine music 4. The Catalog includes 119 names of composers, i.e. masters, protopsaltae, lampadarii, domestikoi, monks, hieromonks, a.o. who held offices in the great Byzantine and post-Byzantine centres and whose manuscript works were vehiculated and used for centuries in the liturgical practice of the Eastern Church.

An almost similar Catalog is to be found in a manuscript of the 19th century from Mt. Athos, i.e., M8 318 at the Xeropotamou Monastery (folios 140—143). It has been presented by Gr. Stathis in the first volume of his analytical Catalog <sup>5</sup>, No. 60, that will be dealt with in the sequel. <sup>6</sup>

In all likelihood, the MS 923 dates back from the 1736-1769 period, at a time when Panayiotes Chalatzoglou's disciple was a protopsaltes at the Great Church in Constantinople. It is supposed to belong to this very period on account of the reference to "Ananias the Hierodeacon, disciple of the present protopsaltes Ioannes". And it is positive that Ioannes Trapezounties used to be a protopsaltes of the Great Church between 1736 and 1769. The same mention appears with "Daniel, present lampadaries and disciple of the protopsaltes Panayiotes". It is true that Daniel was lampadarios of the Great Church from 1740 to 1771 and then Ioannes Trapezountios' successor as a protopsaltes from 1771 to 1789 8. Similar remarks related to the dating of the Catalog in the MS 923 may be also noticed with "Zaharias, a protopsaltes of Cyzic, Ananias of Cyzic's nephew, Ioannes' disciple, the present protopsaltes" and also with "Ioannes, our master, a protopsaltes at the Great Church and Panayiotes Chalatzoglou's disciple". Taking into account all these details, one may draw the conclusion that both the Catalog and the remainder of the MS 923 belong to either the second or the third quarter of the 18th century. Everything was copied by a psaltes who was himself a copyist; he called himself a disciple of "Panayiotes Chalatzoglou, our master and a protopsaltes at the Great Church". It is possible therefore, that one of Kirillos of Marmarinos' disciples might have been the very author of the first Grammar in the MS 923 and of its two sequels in this old MS texts. As a matter of fact, the Catalog of the MS 923 does not include composers of the subsequent periods, that is after 1770, like Gregorios Lampadarios (1813—1819), Iakov Peloponnesios Lampadarios (1784 – 1789) and then Protopsaltes (1805-1819), Nikeforos Kantouniares of Chios who was to be in Jassy in the first two decades of the 19th century, Petros Peloponnesios Lampadarios (1771–1778), Chourmouzios, etc. All these names can be also found in the Catalog of the MS  $318/X_{\theta}$  ropotamou in the 19th century.

A comparative analysis of the contents of the Catalog in the MS 923/BAR and the one drawn up by Miloš Velimirović after the MS 2406/Athens<sup>9</sup>, dated 1453, that is the last year of the Byzantine Empiro, is likely to lead to the following statements:

1. Out of the 119 composers in the MS 923, 46 are mentioned in Velimirović's Catalog. So, it is positive that they belong to the Byzantine epoch, that is to the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries. Their names are authoritative, i.e.: Ioannes Glykys, Ioannes Koukouzeles, Agathonos, Agallianos, Dimitrios Dokeianos, Theodoulos monahos, Ioannes Kladas, Konstantinos Magoulas, Konstantinos Moschianos, Manouil Arghiropoulos, Xenos Korones, Chrisafes, etc. Few names of composers in the Byzantine epoch, that is before 1453, are missing in the Catalog of the MS 923, i.e.: Koukoumas, Dositeos monahos, Ioakim monahos, Ioasat monahos. However, they are encountered quite often in the Romanian musical manuscripts of the 15th-18th centuries, above all, those at Putna. Therefore, the number of Byzantine composers ever mentioned in Romanian manuscripts amounts to 50. It is not the aim of this paper to insist upon the periods these Byzantine authors belong to, since they have been precisely delimited both by Miloš Velimirović and Gregorios Stathis in the Introduction to the first volume of the Catalog of the manuscripts of the Mount Athos 10.

2. The other 73 names of composers mentioned in the Catalog of the MS 923 belong to the so-called post-Byzantine epoch which covers the 1453 – 1770 period.

3. The Catalog does not include the names of Romanian composers in the 15th—18th centuries like Evstatic the Protopsaltes of Putna, Dometian Vlahu, Theodosic Zotica, Callist the Hieromonk, Filothei sin (son of) Aga Jipei, etc. Honce, one may conclude that the manuscripts comprising their works have been circulated solely within the Romanian Countries; the musical instances created by them were thoroughly Romanian, with a strong local specifity; they had been neither imported from the south of the Danube nor transplanted therein by foreign psaltae or copyists.

4. Although Ghermanos Neon Patron's name is to be found in the Catalog, his

disciple, Iovașcu Vlahu (Giobascus Vlachus), who lived in the same period, i.e. the latter part of the 17th century and held offices in various ecclesiastical centres south of the Danube, is not mentioned therein. Kirillos of Marmarinos, the undeniable author of the first musical Grammar in the MS 923, is not mentioned in the Catalog either.

5. With many names, the copyist added complementary information on their offices, i.e. protopsaltes, lampadarii or domestikoi in the great ecclesiastical centres. Likewise, in some cases, he added the place where they carried on their activity, i.e.: Mount Athos (Aghiorites—Kornilios, monahos Aghiorites), Constantinople (Athanasios, patriarch of Konstantinoupoleos), Redestos (Ioannes, protopsaltes of Rodestos) or Cyprus (Chrisanthos, hieromonk of Kyprios), etc.

6. Another sort of information offered by the copyist includes some names of composers who used to be disciples of certain great masters. These specifications are highly significant since one may get a glimpse on the epoch they belonged to and also establish certain stylistic affiliations of creative work, i.e.: Antonios the priest, disciple (matitis) of Ieremia Chalkedonos; Dimitrios Dokeianos, Koukouzeles' disciple; Daniel Lampadarios, Panayiotes the protopsaltes' disciple; Nikolaos Trapezountios, disciple of the same protopsaltes (the information in the Catalog as to whom the copyist refers to is rather blurred); Chrisanthos, the hieromonk of Cyprus, disciple of the protopsaltes at that time, etc.

7. Not all these names are mentioned in a strictly alphabetical order as proved by entries of letters A, D, K, M, N, P, etc. Most probably, the copyist's notion of "alphabetical order" covered only the grouping of names within the letters of the alphabet in their sequence.

8. Some composers have been grouped according to the initial letter of their first name. Thus, Agallianos is mentioned under the letter M (Manouil Agallianos); Asan is mentioned under the letter N (Nikolaos Asan); Doukas is mentioned under the letter I (Ioannes Doukas), etc.

9. As shown by the photocopies enclosed, the copyist of the MS 923 made certain spelling mistakes in some of the names, i.e.: Parakalou instead of Karakalou; Xathopoulos instead of Xan-

thopoulos; Planotou instead of Plaghiotou; Lampazes instead of Alapazes; Hrumouzis instead of Hourmouzios, etc.

Owing to the bulk of information it offers, the Catalog of the MS 923/BAR is highly significant for the historiography of ancient Byzantine music. The fact that it is to be found in a manuscript of Romania facilitates a thorough study of the composers of this kind of music. It is most probable that the ancient Byzantine music will arouse a steady interest

of researchers from now onwards. The dating of the manuscripts, the assigning of hymns to certain Byzantine or post-Byzantine authors, their belonging to a given period, their stylistical filiation, etc. are important aspects for the knowledge and apprehension of this ancient and controversial art of Byzantine music. It is certain that the Catalog of the MS  $923/BAR^{11}$  allows for a further step in the field of man's attempts to unravel the past.

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'Αργυρὸς ' Ρόδιος

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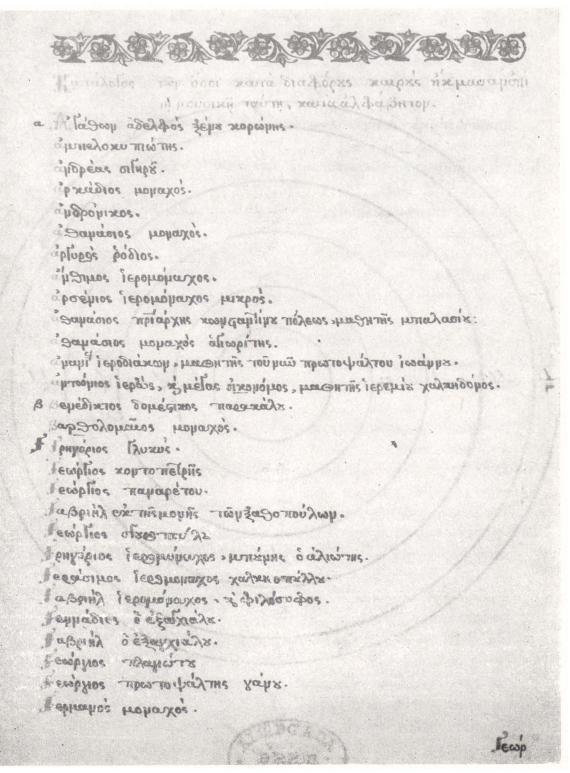


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- <sup>2</sup> See: Stathis, Gr., Quoted Works, pp. 75, 96-97, 99-101, 190, 193, 196, 258, 448, 451, 457, 485, etc.
- 3 Stathis, Gr., Quoted Works, Introduction, p. 59: 'Ιωαννης ίερεύς Πλουσιαδηνός (1429–1500).
- 4 Κατάλογος τῶν ὄσοι κατὰ διαφόρους, καιρούς ήκμασαν έπὶ τῆ μουσικῆ ταύτη κατὰ ἀλφάβητον
  - <sup>6</sup> Stathis, Gr., Quoted Works, pp. 146-150.
- One should take into account that MS 318 relates to the Romanian countries to a certain extent; it includes the so-called "Anoixantaria", plagal mode 4 (folio 46), composed by Nikeforos, archdeacon from Chios, "at the request of His Holiness Veniamin, Bishop of Moldavia". Nikeforos Kantouniares from Chios, archdeacon of the Patriarchate in Antiohia, who was to be found in Jassy, as a master of the School of Music from the Golia Monastery, at the beginning of the 19th century. It is again as Jassy, in 1818, that he made a large collection of Greek, Turkish, Arabic, French, Italian and "Wallachian" songs (βλάχικον μέλος), notated in variuns "makams". It is to be found in the MS 1428/Vatopedi. (See: Stathis, Gr., Neumated Arabic, Gypsy's ad Other Songs by Nikeforos Kantouniares, In: "Musica Antiqua Europae Orientalis", Folia Musica, Vol. I, No. 2, Bydgoszcz, Poland, 1983, pp. 2-7). In the Library of the Romanian Academy, there is the Greek Manuscript 784, dating from the 18th century and containing Greek and Turkish se-

cular popular songs in a neumatic notation. The author of most songs is Nikeforos from Chios. Reverting to Nikeforos Kantouniares, mention must be made that he composed a "Polyeleos" in the 4th plagal mode, again at the request of Veniamin, Eishop of Moldavia. It has been kept in the MS 299 of the Xeropotamou Abbey. (See: Stathis, Gr., Catalogue descriptif ... quoted works, p. 75)

Patrinelis, Christos, Protopsaltae, Lampadarii and Domestikoi of the Great Church during the post-Byzantine Period (1453-1821). In: "Studies in Eastern Chant", General Editors Egon Welesz and Miloš Velimirović, Volume III, London, Oxford University Press, 1973, p. 153.

<sup>8</sup> Patrinelis, Christos, Quoted Works, pp. 161, 155. Velimirović, Miloš, Compozitori bizantini în Manuscrisul 2406 Atena, In: "Studii de muzicologie". Vol. XVIII, Bucharest, Editura Muzicală, 1984, Romanian translation by Hrisanta Trebici-Marin according to the original version: Miloš Velimirović -Byzantine Composers in MS Athens 2406, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1966.

- <sup>10</sup> See supra. Christos Patrinelis presents therein a useful chronological list of authors and their works, together with numerous bibliographical indications, while the foot-notes give several authors and their lexicographical works.
- 11 The material enclosed presents in a facsimile, the Catalog of the MS 923/BAR (folios  $21^{\triangledown} - 23$ ) along with the correct transcription of names in Greek, following the alphabetical order of the manuscript.

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