

SPb Bibliotheca Biblica and the Department of Biblical Studies. 2015-2016 academic year.

Transportation and Correspondence

The custom regulations permit sending book packages to 15 kg by weight. The only limitation: **no financial documents are to be enveloped**. In this case the package becomes an object of custom's interest that produces a long official process and rather high taxes.

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Some part of periodicals till now comes to the previous address. We expect EELC distribute this information among the publishers.

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Stuff

The position of the department's assistant has been reduced.

Books and Library work

During the year 160 books are received, from this number 20 were purchased through the University's procure.

The cataloging is realized by *Dr. Natalja Stenina-Rodionova* <stenina@rambler.ru>, director of the Library.

The number of regular readers is about 50.

The University assigned about 8000 euro and the wooden book-shelves has been substituted for metallic ones to save the Library from fire cases.

Teaching

During the year no substantial changes have been done at the curricula.

The titles of the bachelor's theses of 2016:

Polina Kocherga. Comments on Five Megillot in MS of the Russian National Library, Firkovich Collection (946.2.1.21) of the XIV century.

Daria Lapenkova. Fragments of the Jubilees Book in the Byzantine Chronography.

Jaroslavna Tregubova. The Acts of St. John, Slavonic Version (MSS of the Russian National Library)

Elena Khripun. The Baptism Rite in the Acts of Juda-Thomas (Greek and Syriac Versions).

Scholarly Activities

In March, 2016, the Annual conference of the Faculty had in its schedule the section 'Bible and Christian Literature' with two sessions and 16 speakers.

In April, some students of the bachelor and master programs took part in the Annual Faculty Student Conference and the scholarly session of the SPb Theological Academy.

In April Kyrill Buettner, lector of Hebrew and other Semitic Languages, defended the thesis on 1QIsa^a.

Academic Guests

Prof. James Charlesworth from Princeton was a guest of the University at the end of May and gave open lecture on excavation of the synagogue in Migdala dated to 67 year. He visited manuscript departments of the National Library and Institute of Oriental Manuscripts (Russian Academy of Sciences).

In June, Prof. Marcello Garzanti, University of Florence, gave lecture to members and students of the Department on the study of Slavonic Gospel tradition that was executed during two last decades. He became member of the project on editing the Slavonic Gospel version which is realized at the University under the leadership of A. Alexeev.

Publication activity

Two collections of papers are published:

A special issue of the University Bulletin, 2015/4, devoted to Bible, Ancient Judaism and Christianity.

Studia petropolitana biblica I (SPB I) – a voluminous miscellany devoted to two decades of the Library (the initial agreement was signed on 1996, October 10) and one decade of the Department (officially established by the University Council on 2006, January 23).

The electronic version of both are attached.

The Agreement

The new agreement has not been prepared by the university Rector office. The subject of the agreement is to develop mutual collaboration for scholarly study VT, NT and Ancient Judaism. The present bureaucratic tendencies bear a strong resemblance to that of the Soviet epoch.

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