



EVANGELION. FOUR GOSPELS. DAILY LECTIONARY.

Paper; A. D. 1627 (Scribe Lucas Buzau); 260 ff.; 2 cols.(293 x 150), 26 lines. 400 x 265 66 mm.

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ff. 1^r- 35^r *Easter to Pentecost.*¹ [Ornamental headpiece (54 x 145 mm), gilt cornucopia joined at the base extending upward and outward towards the corners at the head; blossoms, leaves, tendrils, on dark blue background, enclosed with narrow ribband of gold, the lower border extended with rising finials with knots at the base; floriate centered ornament in the top in the center at the head with orange, blue and red floriate finials on each corner at the head] Title [in ornamental gilt uncials (23 mm tall across two columns)] Τῆ ἀγία κατὰ μεγαλή κυριακῆ Πάσκα • Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωαννης; weekly for the first week; Friday, Saturday, Sunday; liturgy and orthros. Exuberant floriate initial “E” in blue, orange, red, gilt, highlighted with white accents. Each reading begins with a floriated initial in greens, red, orange, gilt with gilt liturgical instructions and gilt punctuation in the text. Text in black.

f. 34^v BLANK

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW: BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

ff. 35^r -86^v *Matthew.* [Ornamental floral balanced headpiece flowing from a festooned center outward to large blossoms in each corner; rinceau and leaves gilt, with small orange accents, red background, enclosed in a thin gilt line with extended base line from which rises double knotted floriate finials, gilt with orange accents; on the top in the center of the upper border of the headpiece is a floriate ornament in blue, orange, and red, with corner finials at angles in colors.] Title [in gilt ornamental uncials 24 mm tall] Τῆ δευτέρα τῆς πρωτῆς ἑβδομάδα μετὰ τὴν πεντηκοστὴν ἦτοι τοῦ ἀγίου πνεύματος; ἔκ τοῦ κατὰ Μ[ατ]θ[αῖον]. Daily. Initial “T” (zoomorphic, serpent with red, orange, blue floriate decoration, outlined in gold ink).

¹ The rubrics seems to follow those of Gregory 303; cf. Gregory, *Textkritik*, I. 343ff.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE: BEGINNING THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

ff. 87^r - 135^v **Luke.** Instructions (*f.* 86^v; in red with gilt initials) Χρῆ γινώσκειν ὅτι τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς χαναναίας, διὰ τὸ πολλάκις γίνεσθαι ἐξὼ πάσχα, ὧδε μὲν οὐ χωρεῖ ἀναγινώσκεσθαι εἰς τὸ σαββατοκυριακὸν τοῦ ματθαίου· ὅτι σπανεῖος ἀναγινώσκειται ἰζ' τοῦ ματθαίου κυριακαί, ἀναγινώσκειται δὲ εἰς τὸ κατὰ λουκᾶν, τωοῦ προτοῦφαρισαίου καὶ του τελώνου κυριακῆ διὰ τὸ εἶπερ ἄρα λείπει εἰς τὸ κατὰ λουκᾶν, κυριακαί. Διὰ τὸ μὴ κύνεσθαι τὸ πάσχα· The text continues (in red with gilt initial) Τὸ δὲ κατὰ λουκᾶν ἅγιον εὐαγγέλιον ἀναγινώσκειται ἀπ' ἀρχῆς τῆς μετὰ τὴν ὕψωσιν, β' ἐν ὄλαις ἰβ'. Ἐπ' ἀρχῆς δὲ τῆς ιγ', εὐδομάδο τὸ κατὰ μάρκον ταῖς πέντε ἡμέραις· Τοῖς δὲ σάββασι καὶ ταῖς κυρικαῖς, πάλιν ὁ λουκᾶς. [Ornamental freeform floral headpiece of gilt rinceau and large blossoms accented with orange, flowing to large blossoms in each corner; dark blue background, enclosed in a thin gilt ribband with extended base line from which rises knotted floriate finials, gilt with orange accents; on the top in the center of the upper border of the headpiece is a floriate ornament in blue, orange, and red, with corner finials at angles in colors.] Title [in ornamental gilt initials, 20 mm tall] Τῆς δευτέρα τῆ πρώτης ἐβδομάδος τοῦ νέου ἔτους. Initial "T" an exuberance of flowing leaves in red, orange, green, and blue, outlined in gold. At the end of the κυριακῆ ἰζ' ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον in red is the following: Ἀναγινώσκειται δὲ ἦτοι αὐτῆ τῆς χαναναίας κυριακῆ ἐὰν μηκύνηται ἢ ἀπόκρεως διὰ τὸ ἐξὼ πάσχα, καὶ λείψη εἰς τὸ κατὰ λουκᾶν κυριακῆ· εἴ γουμελλ. . . ἀναγνωσθῆναι ἦτοι αὐτῆ κυριακῆ, ἃς ἀναγνωσθῶσι καὶ ἐκ τῶν ὀπισθεν, αἱ πενταὶ ἡμέραι τοῦ σαβά?

ff. 136^r - 152^r **Sunday of the Publican through Sunday of the Cheese-Fare (Κυριακῆ τῆς τυροφάγου).** Title (in gilt minuscules across the width of both columns) At the head: Τῆ β', ἰζ' εὐδομαδῆ· [Ornamental headpiece (31 x 155 mm) of leaves, gilt rinceau and flowers, gold, orange, blue, and green, without ribband border.] Κυριακῆ τοῦ τελώνου καὶ του Φαρισαί ἐκ τοῦ Λουκᾶν. Initial "E" floriate with bird in red with blue wings on top of the ornament on the upper bowl; elaborate floral display in blue, red, orange, green, with white accents. Last reading on *f.* 152^r τῆ κυριακῆ τῆς τυροφάγου· ἐκ κατὰ Ματθαῖον (Matt. vi. 14-21).

THE GOSPELS OF THE PANNYCHIDAS OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

ff. 152^v - 155^r **Vigil of Lent.** Rubrics (in red) Τῆ β' ἑσπερας ἐκ κατὰ Λουκᾶν. At the head (in red minuscules) Εὐαγγέλια ἐν ἀναγινωσκόμενα εἰς τὰς παννυχίδας τῆς πρώτης ἐβδομάδος τῶν νηστειῶν·

f. 155^v BLANK

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK

ff. 156^r - 180^v **Lent through Holy Thursday.** [Ornamental headpiece (58 x 157 mm) of balanced bipartite horizontal meander in gilt, of rinceau emerging from a central

foliate pattern, gilt, with leaves and blossoms, accented with orange, on red ground within thin gilt border extended on either side at the base to accommodate rising meandering finials of rinceau and leaves; on top of the headpiece in the center is a floriate ornament in gold, red, and orange, supported by peacocks facing on either side of the centerpiece in fine penwork (black) uncolored, with floriate finials at angles at each corner at the head.] Title (in gilt ornamental uncials, 23 mm, extending across the width of two columns) Σαββάτω πρότον τῶν νηστείων· ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον and repeated in minuscule gilt ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον (Mark ii. 23 - iii. 5). Initial floriate in style as those above.

TWELVE GOSPELS OF PASSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ON HOLY AND GREAT THURSDAY

ff. 181^r - 195^v *Twelve Gospels of the Passion* [Ornamental headpiece the width of one column (10 x 69 mm) rinceau and leaves emerging from a central gilt leaf in meander in gilt, red, orange, and blue without a border.] Title (in gilt minuscules) Εὐαγγέλια ἰβ' τῶν ἁγίων παθῶν· ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰω[άννην].

THE GOSPELS OF THE GREAT HOURS OF HOLY AND GREAT FRIDAY

ff. 196^r - 209^v *Night Watches of the Vigil of Good Friday.* [Ornamental headpiece (11 x 72) gilt interlacing strapwork on red ground with red and gold floral finials, one in the center at the top and one each on the head corners.] Title (in ornamental red minuscules) Εὐαγγέλια τῶν ὥρων τῆς ἁγίας καὶ μεγάλης παρασκευῆς. At the heading of the column, gilt, Ὡρα α'.

RESURRECTION MORNING GOSPELS ('ΕΩΘΙΝΑ') READ AT THE ORTHROS ON SUNDAYS

ff. 209^v - 217^v *Eleven Gospels.* [Ornamental headpiece (28 x 79 mm), gilt interlaced running guilloche with round orange dots along both the upper and lower edges, background of green, red, and blue.] Title (in gilt ornamental minuscules) Εὐαγγέλια ἑωθινὰ ἀναστάσιμα ια'. Initial "T" floriate in blue, orange, green; outlined in gold.

f. 216^v BLANK

THE GOSPELS OF THE IMMOVABLE FEASTS OF THE YEAR—MENOLOGION

MENOLOGION *ff.* 217^v - 260^r. Not every day is cited and some receive special attention. [Ornamental headpiece (25 x 153 mm) running meander of rinceau, leaves and flowers, gilt, emerging from a single large leaf design in the center; background gilt; thin gold border.]

ff. 217^r - 225^r *September.* Title (in gilt ornamental uncials) Μηνολόγιον σὺν Θ[ε]ῷ ἁγίω. The following is in red ornamental minuscules with gilt initial Ἀρχὴ τῆς ἰνδίκτου· καὶ μνήμη τοῦ ὀσίου π[ατ]ρ[ο]ς ἡμῶν· Συμεῶν τοῦ Στυλίτου· καὶ ἡ σύναξις τῆς

ὑπεραγίας θεοτόκου. Initial “T” floriated in red, orange, blue, green, and outlined in gold. Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 1, 6, 8, 9, 23, 26, and 31.

ff. 225^r - 226^v **October.** [Ornamental headpiece (15 x 67 mm) guilloche, gilt, with red ground, without border.] Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 13 and 16.

ff. 226^v - 229^v **November.** [Ornamental headpiece (11 x 70 mm) gilt floriate arabesque with red and blue flowers on either end.] Initial “T” exuberant floriate in red, green, blue, with gilt outline.] Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 1, 8, 12, and 13.

f. 229^v - 233^v **December.** [Ornamental headpiece (11 x 75 mm) balanced floral headpiece, meander of flowers and rinceau in green, red, blue, with gilt outline issuing from a central floral ornament.] Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 4, 5, 6, 20, the Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays before and after Christmas, and 26.

ff. 233^v - 238^v **December 25** [Ornamental floral headpiece (8 x 72 mm) to two-ply cable in red with gilt outline and gilt dots at the intersections along the ornament at the top and bottom] Title (in red ornamental minuscules) Εὐαγγέλια τῶν ὥρων τῆς παραμονῆς τῆς ἀγίας Χ[ριστο]ῦ τοῦ Θ[εο]ῦ ἡμῶν γεννήσεως ὥρα α΄.

ff. 239^r - 245^r **January.** [Ornamental headpiece (12 x 67 mm) of running rinceau, leaves and flowers in red, blue and gilt; without border.] Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 1, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 17.

ff. 240^r **Epiphany.** [Running two-ply cable ornament (5 x 73 mm) in dark blue, gilt outline with gilt dots at the intersections of the twists.] Title [in red ornamental minuscules] Εὐαγγέλια τῶν ὥρων τῆ παραμονῆ τῶν ἀγίων Θεοφανείων. ὥρα α΄.

ff. 245^r - 246^r **February.** [Ornamental headpiece (9 x 71 mm) of running rinceau, flowers, and leaves in green, blue, and red emerging from a large central floral ornament of red, green and blue, outlined in gold.] Title (in gilt ornamental minuscules) Μῆν Φεβρουάριος. Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 1 and 24.

ff. 246^v - 248^v **March.** [Ornamental headpiece (13 x 73 mm), two rows of cresting floral ornaments, connected at the base, intertwined, in blue, red, orange, gilt, with downward turned trefoil finials.] Title (in gilt minuscules) Μῆν Μάρτιος. Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 10, 17, 25, and 30.

ff. 248^v - 250^r **April.** [Ornamental headpiece (12 x 72 mm), running meander of gilt rinceau with red, blue, and red flowers, with orange accents, without border.] Title

(in gilt ornamental minuscules) Μῆν Ἀπρίλλιος. Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 1, 22, and 23.

ff. 250^r - 250^v **May.** [Ornamental headpiece (12 x 73 mm) gilt interlaced guilloche strapwork on red and green with orange accent dots along the intersections at the upper and lower edge, without border.] Title (in gilt minuscules) Μῆν Μάιος. The only date for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given is the 26th.

ff. 250^v - 254^r **June.** [Ornamental headpiece (15 x 75 mm) free-form floral ornament rising from a central red floral patters, with meander to right and left culminating in largish green leaf.] Title (in gilt ornamental minuscule) Μῆν Ἰούνιος. Dates for which full texts for orthros, vespers, or liturgy are given are 2, 24, and 29.

ff. 254^r - 254^v **July.** [Ornamental headpiece (19 x 80 mm), interlacing double bands forming circles and interlace, gilt, with orange background and red dots.] Title (in gilt minuscules) Μῆν Ἰούλιος.

ff. 254^v - 260^r **August.** [Ornamental headpiece (19 x 80 mm), interlaced double band, as in the headpiece on *f.* 254^r, but with knotted centers, background red and green, with orange dots along the intersections of the bands at the top and bottom.] Title (in gilt ornamental minuscules) Μῆν Αὐγουστος.

f. 260^r **Colophon** (in red with gilt flower ornament at the head and tail with gilt initial).

Writing Material. 1 *f.* + 260 + 2 *ff.*; 400 x ±275 mm; paper; very white with pronounced impressions of chain and wire lines. Watermark of a flag with the initials C(? G) B; cf. Briquet 5990 (1599) and Likhachev, *Watermarks*, 3303.

Collation/Pagination. π1 α⁸ (±α6) β⁸ γ⁸ (±γ2) δ⁸ (±δ7) ε⁷ (-ε3) ζ - ι⁸ ια⁷ (-ια8) ιβ⁸ (-ιβ1) ιγ - ιθ⁸ κ⁷ (-κ7) κα⁸ (±κα8) κβ - λγ⁸ π². While there are cancels, there is no text missing. The quire numbers are in very small Greek uncials in black ink in the center of the margin at the tail on the recto of the first leaf of the quire and on the verso of the last leaf of the quire; where some, however, have been trimmed away, a modern hand has included in pencil the quire numbers. The quires are regularly in 8's. In quire ε, the stub of *f.* ε5 (*f.* 37) follows *f.* ε2 (*f.* 34). Foliated in pencil by a modern hand in the fore edge/head corner of the recto of each leaf.

α1= <i>f.</i> 1	ι1= <i>f.</i> 72	ιθ1= <i>f.</i> 142	κη1= <i>f.</i> 213
ι1= <i>f.</i> 9	ια1= <i>f.</i> 80	κλ1= <i>f.</i> 150	κθ1= <i>f.</i> 221
ιγ1= <i>f.</i> 17	ιβ1= <i>f.</i> 87	καλ1= <i>f.</i> 157	λα1= <i>f.</i> 229
αλ1= <i>f.</i> 25	ιγ1= <i>f.</i> 94	κβλ1= <i>f.</i> 165	λαλ1= <i>f.</i> 237
ε1= <i>f.</i> 33	ιαλ1= <i>f.</i> 102	κγλ1= <i>f.</i> 173	λβλ1= <i>f.</i> 245
ς1= <i>f.</i> 40	ιε1= <i>f.</i> 110	καλ1= <i>f.</i> 181	λγλ1= <i>f.</i> 253
ζ1= <i>f.</i> 48	ιελ1= <i>f.</i> 118	κελ1= <i>f.</i> 189	χλ1= <i>f.</i> 261
η1= <i>f.</i> 56	ιζ1= <i>f.</i> 126	κελ1= <i>f.</i> 197	
θ1= <i>f.</i> 64	ιη1= <i>f.</i> 134	κζλ1= <i>f.</i> 205	

Ruling. Ruled for 26 lines with a dry point using a *mastara*. Measuring from the head, lines fall at the following intervals: 5 15 303 322 408; measuring from the gutter: 17 22 92 118 187 195 206 272. Leroy 32E2. Space between the lines averages 10/10 mm for lines of text.

Hand. By the scribe Lucas Buzau (colophon *f.* 260^r)

Τὸ παρὸν θεῖον καὶ ἱερὸν | εὐαγγέλιον ἐγράφη | διὰ χειρὸς | λεμοῦ τοῦ τα | πεινοῦ,
οὐκοβλαχίας, | Λουκᾶ· Δι' ἐξόδου ἀντωνίου γραμμα- | τικοῦ τοῦ τρισμακαρίστου |
ράδουλα βοεβόδα καὶ | ἐπεδόθη ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ· | καὶ οἱ ἀναγινώσκοντες εὐχεσθ.. |
ἡμῶν διὰ τὸν κ[ύριο]ν· ἔτους ζρλε'

In part the translation reads as follows: “The present godly and holy Gospel was written by me, the humble Hungaro-Vlach Luke, at the request of the noble lord Antonius, secretary of the thrice-blessed Radu Voivode, and was given into his hands in the year 1627.” Likely the recipient was Alexander VII, the Coconsul, who ruled over Wallachia from August 1623 until November 1627 and over Moldavia from July 1629 until 28 April 1630.² The work of Lucas has been the study of several works (cited in the bibliography) by most notably Linos Politis and Gary Vikan. Among the manuscripts known to have been written by Lucas are the following: Athens, Byzantine Museum, cod. 203; Athens, National Library, codices 755 [A. D. 1577] and 836; Athens, Senate Library, cod. 11; Baltimore, Walters Art Gallery, cod. W535; Phanar (Constantinople), Patriarchal Library (now lost); Jerusalem, Treasury, cod. 2; St. Petersburg, IAR, cod. 189; Meteora, Barlaam, codices 34 and 78; Meteora, Metamorphosis, codices 624 and 654y; Mount Athos, Dionysiou, cod. 429 [A. D. 1588]; Mt. Athos, Iviron, Codices 1385, 1423m; Mt. Athos, Iviron, *Akathistos Hymn* (roll); Mt. Athos, Great Lavra, codices. H148 and W140; Mt. Athos, Panteleimon, cod. 426; Mt. Athos, St. Paul Skiti, cod. 806; Mt. Athos, Simonpetras (lost); Mt. Sinai, St. Catherine’s, 1480; Naxos, Koimenis, 1; Paris, Bibliothèque Nationale, cod. gr. 100A and Suppl. Gr. 407 [ca. A. D. 1592]; Princeton, University Library (Garrett Collection), cod. 13; San Francisco, Greeley Collection³.

Ornamentation. Black red and gold are used for the text; gold for the punctuation. Every reading has an elaborately floriate and sometimes zoomorphic initial in bright greens, reds, oranges, the whole outlined in gold paint. Occasionally one can see the preliminary work of the rubricator (Lucas?) in plumb. He does not always keep to the original plan for the initials, however. Nevertheless, they are superbly executed. The headpieces vary in size from largish rectangular pieces to smaller free-form bar ornaments that separate the sections in the Menologion. Large rectangular headpieces are found on *ff.* 1^r, 35^r, 87^r, 136^r, and 156^r; smaller bar headpieces are found on *ff.* 181^r, 196^r, 209^v, 217^v, 225^r, 226^v, 229^v, 233^v, 239^r, 240^r (running cable ornament), 245^r, 246^v, 248^v, 250^r, 250^v, 254^r, and 254^v. The colors include: for the ink, apart from the very black for the text, soft red

² See “The Chronological Table of the Ruling Princes,” Iorga, *History of Roumania*, ed. by McCabe, p. 268. See also the unpublished Ph. D. dissertation of Gary K. Vikan, “Illustrated Manuscripts of Pseudo-Ephraem’s ‘Life of Joseph’ and the ‘Romance of Joseph and Aseneth,’” Princeton University, 1976.

³ Mrs. Helen Greeley of Virginia Beach, Virginia? See, Jean-Marie Olivier, *Repertoire des bibliothèques et des catalogues de Manuscrits grecs*, “Virginia Beach, Va.”

(Centroid 12) to very red (Centroid 11); as for the colors used in the ornamentations, both for the headpieces and the initial letters they include very reddish orange (Centroid 34) to very orange (Centroid 48); deep red (Centroid 13) to dark red (Centroid 16); and deep yellowish green (Centroid 118); soft yellowish green (Centroid 117), very yellowish green (Centroid 129), and dark blue (Centroid 183).

Binding. Byzantine binding sewn in the chain-link type stitch, originally covered with red velvet and metal furniture. Now without the cloth covering and none of the metal furniture—apparently removed for the value of the ornamentation. The bare wood is exposed with the grain running parallel to the head and tail; the spine liner of unbleached linen, apparently originally green now much faded, extending over onto the boards by 55 mm, adhering to the surface of the boards on the outside and held in place by the endbands which are sewn through the spine liner. In preparation the boards were “v” grooved up to the edges and were supplied with simple pin anchorages—now wanting—two at the fore-edge and one each at the head and tail. Sewn in the Byzantine style with chain-link style sewing with extended plain endbands of unbleached linen. Paper pastedowns have a watermark of a shield and bar sinistre surmounted by a fleur-de-lis with the initials WRJ at the base. (Similar to Briquet 995, 996).

Provenance.

1. This manuscript was written by Lukas Buzau for an official of the Voivode Radu, or perhaps for the Voivode himself, in 1627. Three princes of the House of Radu held the office of Voivode of Moldavia or Wallachia at about this time. Present-day Wallachia is the region in southern Romania between the Transylvanian Alps and the Danube.
2. Among the group of Duke Greek Ms. 32-39 owned by Sir Austen Henry Layard, excavator of Nineveh.⁴
3. Among the properties of the Governors of Canford School, Wimborne, this manuscript was among gift of Sir Austen Henry Layard.
4. Sotheby's Sale of 12 December 1966, lot 199.
5. Alan G. Thomas, Bookseller, Fall, 1967. \$2,240 (£800) with Ford Foundation Grant funds.
6. Duke University, Greek Ms. 39.

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