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ABBREVIATIONS

BJ – BIBLIOTEKA JAGIELLOŃSKA (JAGIELLONIAN LIBRARY)

<http://www.bj.uj.edu.pl>

BOZ – Zamoyski collection in Biblioteka Narodowa (National Library) in Warsaw

http://alpha.bn.org.pl/search*

MANUSCRIPTS

BJ COD. 620 FF V 4 (= Gollob IV, Canart 620, p. 559), ff. 59

Date: 15th C. (Gollob, Conley, p. 30), 14th C. (Canart, p. 559)

Description: Gollob IV

Contents:

1. Planudes' translation of Boethius' *De consolazione* (2 v^o – 53 v^o);
2. Planudes's translation of Cato *Disticha* (Κατῶνος ῥωμαίου γνῶμαι προτρεπτικάί), (53 v^o – 58v^o)
3. Poems from the Greek Anthology and a poem written in political verse (70 vv) a monody for Constantine IX (f. 59^{rv}).

Inc. of the poem:

σκότος ἐγένετο δεινὸν πρὸς πᾶσαν κτίσιν πάλαι
ἀφ' ἑκτης ὥρας ὡς φησι μεχρὶς αὐτῆς ἐνάτης
ὄτε σταυρῶ προσήλωτο θεὸς ὁ πάντων κτίστης

νῦν δ' ἐπὶ τῷ θανάτῳ σου ῥωμαίων αὐτοκράτορ
δουκοπορφυροβλάστη τε μέγα κομνηνιάδη
σκότος κατέσχε χαλεπὸν πόλιν τὴν νέαν ῥώμην.

BJ COD. 2526 FF VI 5 (= Gollob VI, Canart p. 560), ff 107

Date: 15th C. (Gollob, Conley), 16th C. (Canart, p. 560)

Description: Gollob VI, Canart, p. 560-61

Contents:

1. Meletii monachi de natura hominis, (ff 1-86)

The best edition of Meletius' treatise is still J. A. Cramer, ed., *Anecdota Graeca e codd. manuscriptis Bibliothecarum Oxoniensium* (Oxford, 1836), vol III, 1–157.

Inc. τὰ περὶ τῆς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου

2. Theophili de urinis (ff. 86^v – 98)

Theophilus Protospatharius, *De urinis*, ed. J.L.Ideler, *Physici et Medici Graeci Minores I*, (Berlin 1841), I. 261-283.

[See the article on Theophile and his work by G. Androutsos](#)

Inc. τὴν περὶ τῶν οὔρων

3. Petosiridis epistula ad Nechepsum (see the detailed description in Canart, p. 561)

4. Johannis Prisdyanorum episcopi de urinis (ff. 99-104)

P. Kouzès, 'Τὸ 'περὶ οὔρων' ἔργον τοῦ Ἰωάννου ἐπισκόπου Πρισδριανῶν', *EEBS* 10 (1933), 362-382 (text at p. 364-371).

Inc. ἐπειδὴ προεθέμεθα

5. Two works by Nicephoros Blemmydes (περὶ οὐρων τοῦ σοφωτάτου καὶ λογιωτάτου βλεμμίδους [sic]) ff. 104 v^o – 107)

Inc. ἦχος ἅ τῶν οὐρανίων ταγμάτων τῶν ἀσθενῶν

BJ 2528 FF VI 4 (= Aland, p. 29; Canart, p. 562), ff. 45

Date: 15th C. (Aland), 16th C. (Canart)

Description: Aland, p. 29.

Contents:

1. S. Iohannis Chrysostomi contra eos qui subintroductas habent virgines (ff. 1-33^v)

Text in: *Patrologia Graeca* 47

Inc. Ἐπὶ μὲν τῶν προγόνων τῶν ἡμετέρων, δύο τινὲς ἦσαν προφάσεις

2. Eiusdem quod regulares femiane viris cohabitare non debeant (ff 34-45^v)

Text in: *Patrologia Graeca* 47

Inc. Οἴμοι ψυχῇ· μετὰ γὰρ τοῦ προφήτου καὶ ἐμοὶ

BOZ 125 (= Foerster 1898) ff. 244

Date: 14th/15th C.

Description: A detailed description in Foerster 1898; discussion about the manuscript in Conley 1994: 51-53.

Earlier parts contain mostly letters of Synesios (ff. 31-124^v) and Libanios (ff. 125-204^v)

8. (according to Foerster's numeration) Ἀνακλώμενοι τοῦ γραμματικοῦ Κωνσταντίνου ὄς καταλιπὼν τοὺς γονεῖς αὐτοῦ ἐν Σικελία, χάριν μαθημάτων εἰς τὸ Βυζάντιον ἦλθεν. (ff. 217^v-218^v)

Anacreontic poem by Konstantinos Sikeliotes.

9. Ἐκφρασις ἐλέφαντος ἐν φιλιῇ στίχοις, ff. 226^v-229

Manuel Philes' *Ekphrasis elephantos* and two epigrams by Philes

A detailed description of the Warsaw version and the comparison with the version of the poem included in the manuscript from Oxford and Escorial Foerster, p. 558-559.

Inc. Αὐτοκράτορ μέγιστε τοῦ γένους λέον

10. An incomplete poem (160 verses), ff. 229^v-232^v

Both the addressee and the author of the poem remain anonymous.

Inc. Ὡς ἰκέτην δέξαι με τὸν σὸν οἰκέτην

11. Manuel Philes' poem *On the spider*, ff. 233 (τοῦ αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν ἀράχην)

This is a very interesting text – it seems that it has not been included in any of the existing collections of Philes' poems. It is not a part of the *De animalium proprietate* by Philes.

It consists of 21 verses written in the Byzantine dodecasyllable.

Inc. ἰστουργὸν ἀδίδακτον ἀράχην βλέπε

12. (= Foerster 11) Manuel Philes' *On the Four Seasons*, ff. 233 (τοῦ φιλιῆ εἰς τὰς τέσσαρας τροπὰς πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα)

This poem is edited in *Manuelis Philæ carmina*, ed. E. Miller, (Parisii, 1857), II, c. XXVI.

This manuscript, however, offers 24 verses not included in Miller's edition. As noticed by Conley 1994: 52 they transform the poem to one addressed to the emperor.

The same section includes also some other poems by Philes, edited by Miller, see Foerster 1898: 567.

13. (= Foerster 12) Epigrams from Anthologia Palatina

14. (= Foerster 13) Pages from some earlier manuscript (14th C.) containing Joannes Protospatharios' exegesis of Hesiod's *Works and Days*, ff. 238 – 243.

15 (= Foerster 14), Joannes Pediasmos' *Ennea Mousai* ff. 243-244.

Inc. Ἐννέα εἰσὶν αἱ μοῦσαι διὰ τὸ τὰ μουσικὰ

BOZ 155