

## Annual report on the activity of Bibliotheca Biblica

September 2017 – August 2018

In 2018 Bibliotheca Biblica celebrates its twentieth anniversary since its foundation. That is why during the school year BB received a special attention finding its expression in: an increase in the book-stock number, students and lecturers attendance, and in participation of BB in different projects and enterprises. The upward tendency in readers` number (c.a. 500 visitation per year), that has already occurred, has been preserved in the period under review: 527 visitations, 1417 requests for books and periodicals.

The books and periodicals, available for reading, are 10 633 units, including: 54 digital sources, 7874 books and 2705 periodicals. The number of the library units that have been received in the period under review is 280, including: 233 books and 47 periodicals. The new incoming units are predominantly in English and German but we have received books in Greek, French, Romanian, Serbian, and Bulgarian too. During the last year our main donators were - Prof. Dr. Chr. Dohmen, Prof. George Wesley Buchanan, Prof. Dr. U. Luz, Prof. Rodolub Kubat (Родольб Кубат), Prof. Predrag Dragutinovich (Предраг Драгутиновић), Prof. Ivan Dimitrov (И. Ж. Димитров), Prof. Slavcho Valchanov (Сл. Вълчанов) and priest Victor Zimmer.

The books, received as a donation from the departed prof. Slavcho Valchanov, have been inventoried.

### **BB's initiatives**

BB took participation again in the organization of a national essay competition announced by the internet website *Pravoslavie*. This year the topic was “*The eternal Book and we*”. For the writing of their essays the participants used the resources available at BB. The results were given out on 23<sup>th</sup> of October 2017. BB gave two special awards. The first one, in the category “over 19”, has

been given to Kalin Mihailov, prof. at Sofia University “St. Kliment of Ochrid”, in the department of West-European literature. The second price has been given to Angel Dimitrov, a student in the National high-school for classics. Both of them chose as a topic of their papers: *“The new ontological state of human being, made possible by the Resurrection of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ”*.

BB took participation also in a project of the department of Biblical Studies. The topics of the project are the Biblical images and themes in the Bulgarian literature. Until the end of the year different activities are planned.

On 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in the conference hall of the Theological faculty at Sofia University “St. Clement of Ochrid” a student conference was organized for the second year on the topic of Christian art. The conference was carried out by the students of Theological faculty with the help of Bibliotheca Biblica. The participants of this student forum, which were coming from different universities, had the opportunity of becoming familiar with the book-stock of BB and how to use it.

In October 2018 (10.10 – 14.10), an international conference will be carried out in Sofia under the heading of St. Augustine`s words: „Novum Testamentum in Vete latet, Vetus Testamentum in Novo patet“, (The New Testament is hidden in the Old, the Old Testament is revealed in the New). Many of the founders of BB and many friends will take participation in the conference. During the conference the awards for the winners in the above-mentioned essay competition will be given.

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