

## Report

for the activities of the Bible Library (Bibliotheca Biblica)

August 2022 – June 2023

In 2023, the Bible library at the Faculty of Theology of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" celebrates its quarter-century anniversary with various events and initiatives.

Once the restrictions imposed due to COVID 19 were lifted attendance gradually increased, with 534 visits registered for the period, and 1432 library items used.

The valuable collection of the biblical scholar Dietrich Georgi, donated by the University of Jena, consisting of a total of 1,698 library items (1,610 books and 88 volumes of periodicals) has been fully processed. Among the received books, rare old printed editions stand out.

Donations from Bibelwerk Stuttgart and Tübingen are pending processing.

The books and periodicals available to readers are 12,388 library items, of which 54 are on electronic media, 9,142 are books and 3,192 are periodicals. During the reporting period, a total of 354 library items were inventoried: 275 books and 79 volumes of periodicals. The newly arrived books are in German, English, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Swedish, Romanian, Macedonian and Bulgarian languages.

In March, during his visit to Bulgaria on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Faculty of Theology, Prof. Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr held a seminar with doctoral students and presented his book "Paulus im Judentum seiner Zeit".

After several years of work, the papers presented at the conference dedicated to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Library were published in a volume entitled: "Novum Testamentum in vetere latet, vetus Testamentum in novo patet"/ "The New Testament is hidden in the Old, the Old Testament is revealed through the New", which was included in our *Bible Library Series*, being the 12<sup>th</sup> tome. This volume was presented to the theological communities in the faculties in Bern and Munich at special meetings by Ivaylo Naydenov.

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