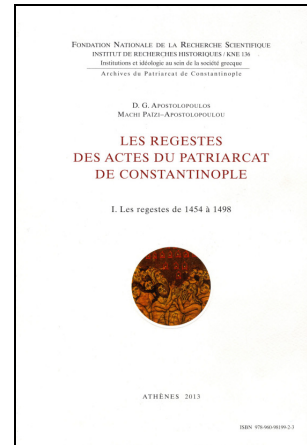




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Les regestes des actes du patriarcat de Constantinople. Les regestes de 1454 à 1498 [in Greek]

Institute of Historical Research/KNE 136, “Institutions and Ideology in Greek Society (15th-19th cent.), The Archives of the Patriarchate of Constantinople”, Athens 2013, 284 p., ISBN 978-960-98199-2-3.

The book offers a panorama of the activity of the Patriarchate of Constantinople during the first fifty years following the Fall of the capital of the Byzantine Empire, a period characterised as “dark” from the point of view of the preserved sources.

After several years of research, the authors have tracked down, recorded and prepared extensive commentaries of 111 acts issued by the Patriarchate of Constantinople from 1454 to 1498; the acts contain authentic information not only about the internal administration of the institution but also about the relations of the Patriarchate with the Orthodox Christians and the Ottoman Porte. The wide range of the matters that the Patriarchate dealt with during this difficult period of reconstruction of the society of Christians within the framework of the Ottoman Empire is impressive.

In their previous book, *Επίσημα κείμενα του Πατριαρχείου Κωνσταντινουπόλεως. Τα σωζόμενα από την περίοδο 1454-1498*, Athens 2011 [National Hellenic Research Foundation, Institute of Historical Research/KNE 121, Institutions and Ideology in Greek Society (15th-19th cent.), The Archives of the Patriarchate of Constantinople], the authors had collected and edited the texts of the acts which are preserved until today. The important contribution of the new book is the presentation

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of patriarchal acts that are no longer extant, but have been detected and reconstructed by the authors, based on relevant information deriving from other sources.

The book constitutes the continuation for the Post Byzantine period of the monumental seven-volume work *Les Regestes des actes du Patriarcat de Constantinople* of the French Institute of Byzantine Studies (Institut Français d' Études Byzantines), a work that covered the period until 1453. The information deriving from this new book offers abundant material for a wide range of research fields. Apart from the obvious significance of this information for Ecclesiastical history, Canon Law and Diplomats, valuable data emerge not only for scholars of the political and economic history of Christians, but also for those who study Ottoman history.