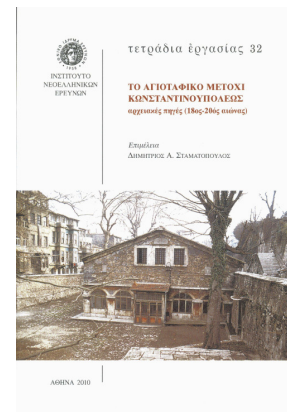




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Το Αγιοταφικό Μετόχι Κωνσταντινούπολης: αρχειακές πηγές (18ος – 20ός αι.)
[The Holy Sepulchre (Agiotafiko) Metochion in Constantinople: archival sources (18th-20th centuries)]

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The book contains a meticulous listing and analytic description of the contents of a portion of the Constantinople Records of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, 1750-1925, stored in the Rare Books and Special Collections Department of the Firestone Library at Princeton University. In the lengthy and detailed introduction, the author links the detachment of this portion of the Archive with the lawyer and trustee of the Holy Sepulchre in Constantinople Vladimir Mirmiroglou. Furthermore, since the majority of documents consist of promissory notes, a considerable part of the introduction is devoted to an analysis and interpretation of this archival material in connection with the problem of the debt of the Holy Sepulchre Brotherhood in Jerusalem and its Metochion in Constantinople, which assumed alarming dimensions in the early 19th century. For the same reason, the writer chose to present the documents divided into two parts, with the first containing all the documents except for the promissory notes, and the second, promissory notes. It was considered necessary to enumerate the documents of both parts on the basis of chronology, rather than in the order in which they are placed in their folders (the archival material of this section remains uncatalogued). In particular, it was considered necessary to number the promissory notes in chronological order for an understanding of the development of the phenomenon of the Brotherhood's debts. Apart from promissory notes, the document categories included in this Archive include: a) deeds of trust (*vakfiye*), b) lists of properties deeded to the Holy Sepulchre, c) bills and account books of income and expenses from various *metochia* belonging to the Holy Sepulchre throughout the Balkans, d) rental notices and tenants' leases, e) documents involving the purchase and sale of properties, f) editions from the Patriarchal Printing Press of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, g) documents connected with the finances and administration of the Holy Sepulchre Metochion in Constantinople, including staff salaries and the settlement of accounts, and others. There are also many documents not directly connected with the operations of the Holy Sepulchre Metochion in Constantinople, but with the activities of individuals historically linked with it, or who had served from time to time as its trustees, as for example was the case of Vladimir Mirmiroglou.