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## *Nicholai Studies* Notices, September—December 2022

### ***Nicholai Studies* in the AtlaSerials PLUS®**

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**Warsaw, Poland, September 23, 2022**

The journal *Nicholai Studies* passed the evaluation process positively and is indexed in the ICI Journals Master List database for year 2021 at the Index Copernicus International database (<https://journals.indexcopernicus.com/search/details?id=123446>).

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### **Symposium Dedicated to St. Nicholai Velimirovich**

**Valjevo, Serbia, September 24–25, 2022**

In honor of the jubilee of Saint Bishop Nicholai — 140 years since his birth, 65 years since his death, and 30 years since the transfer of his relics from Libertyville to his native Lelić, the Diocese of Valjevo organized a Symposium dedicated to the work of Saint Bishop Nicholai on September 24, 2022. This event occurred on the

16th anniversary of the re-establishment of the Diocese of Valjevo; the Symposium was held in the hall of the Higher Public Prosecutor's Office in Valjevo.

At this Symposium, Bishop Isihije (Rogić) of Valjevo addressed the audience with an opening speech. In the first part of this meeting, deacon Dragan Karan, professor at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology in Belgrade, spoke on the topic of “Pastoral Activities of Saint Bishop Nicholai.” Vladimir Medenica spoke on the topic “The Christian Understanding of Love according to Bishop Nicholai.”

In the break between the two sessions, the brotherhood of the Lelić monastery, led by hegumen Georgije (Mičić), prepared a luncheon for the participants and guests of the Symposium in the Lelić monastery. In the second part of the Symposium, Ksenija Končarević, professor of the Faculty of Philology in Belgrade, spoke on the doxology of God in *Prayers by the Lake* of Bishop Nicholai Velimirovich. The last topic that was presented concerned the *Prologue of Ohrid* by Bishop Nicholai. The moderator of the Symposium was Fr. Branko Čolić.

The following day, Sunday, September 25, 2022, the celebration of the jubilee of Saint Bishop Nicholai was rounded with the Holy Liturgy in the Lelić Monastery.

The videos of both sessions of the Symposium in honor of Saint Bishop Nicholai are available online — via Radio Istočnik's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44CgLaOnLR8> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QU7jEGai7Uc>.

More information on Symposium is available on the website of the Diocese of Valjevo — <https://www.eparhijavaljevska.rs/>.



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## Premiere of the Documentary “Saint Jakov of Tumané” Topola, Serbia, November 2, 2022

As it was announced in the *Nicholai Studies* (Vol. I, No. 2 (2021): 576), Boško Milosavljević, a movie director from Belgrade, finished a documentary movie on the life and heritage of St. Jakov (Radoje) Arsović.

The premiere of this documentary was held in Library “Radoje Domanović” in Topola (Šumadija), on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

The documentary takes us through the childhood of Radoje Arsović, then through the difficult years of the World War I, and then through Arsović’s education in France. In Montpellier in 1924, he obtained his doctorate, and when it seemed that he would have a position in Serbian diplomacy or an academic career, a miraculous transformation took place — Radoje Arsović, through the spiritual guidance of Bishop Nicholai, took a different path... The narrators in the film are Bojan Žirović and Đorđe Marković. On Saint Jakov Arsović spoke Presbyter Oliver Subotić, Protodeacon Ljubomir Ranković, Nemanja Dević as well as monks and nuns of Serbian Orthodox monasteries, and among them eldress Glikeriya who met Jakov Arsović... Played by Ilija Stojimirović, Brankica Sebastijanović, Bojan Ivković, Marko Šešlija, the documentary was co-produced by LHS studio, Artprojekt team, Coolture Srbija and UTS production, and it was shot on authentic locations in Žiča, Ljubostinja, Tumané, Rabrovo... Boško Milosavljević was the producer of the documentary, and Milan Kićevac was the executive producer.

A teaser for this documentary can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/E1hkFKcbBsA>.



### Премијера документарног филма „Свети Јаков Тумански“

Документарни приказ води нас кроз његово детињство, затим кроз тешке године Првог светског рата - а онда, и кроз школовање Радоја Арсовића у Француској. У Мошлесеу 1924. године он стиче докторат, и када је изгласало да ће прихватити место у српској дипломатији, дешава се чудесан преображај - Радоје Арсовић, кроз духовно вођство Владике Николaja, креће другим путем... Наратори у филму су Бојан Жировић и Ђорђе Марковић, а о Светом Јакову говоре презбитер др Оливер Суботић, Срећко Петровић, протођакон др Љубомир Ранковић, др Немања Девић као и монаси и монахиње наших манастира, а међу њима и једна старица, која је сретала Јакова Арсовића... Играју Илија Стојимировић, Бранкица Себастијановић, Бојан Ивковић, Марко Шешлија... Филм је рађен у копродукцији ЛХС студија, Артпројект тима, Coolture Србија и УТС продукције - и сниман је на аутентичним локацијама у Жичи, Љубостинји, Туману, Раброву... Продукент је Бошко Милосављевић, а извршни продукент Милан Кићевац.

Библиотека „Радоје Домановић“  
срела 2.11.2022. године у 18 часова

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### **Nicholai Studies in the ERIH PLUS**

**Bergen, Norway, November 9, 2022**

The journal *Nicholai Studies: International Journal for Research of Theological and Ecclesiastical Contribution of Nicholai Velimirovich* is approved for inclusion in ERIH PLUS (The European Reference Index for the Humanities and the Social Sciences — ERIH PLUS). The ERIH PLUS listing of the journal is available at <http://kanalregister.hkdir.no/publiseringskanaler/erihplus/periodical/info?id=504200>.

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### **Academic Research on St. Nicholai Velimirovich in Greece**

**Thessaloniki, Greece, November 10, 2022**

In November 2022, Archimandrite Sergije S. Puškar defended his Ph.D. thesis on St. Nicholai Velimirovich. The thesis was defended at the Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

In his thesis, Archimandrite Sergije examines the personality and feat of life of St. Nicholai. His research is based on a large number of textual evidence from primary sources, archival materials and relevant research literature. The missionary activities of the Saint are considered in detail in this thesis — according to the description available via the Library of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The supervisor of the thesis was Prof. Ilias Evangelou [Ηλίας Ευάγγελου]. This Ph.D. thesis is written and defended in Greek language:

Sergije S. Puškar, “Η ζωή, το Ιεροαποστολικό έργο, και τα διδάγματα του Αγίου Νικολάου (Βέλιμιροβιτς) της Σερβίας” [“The Life, Missionary Work, and Teachings of Saint Nicholai (Velimirovich) of Serbia”], Ph.D. thesis, Αριστοτέλειο Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλονίκης, Θεολογική Σχολή,

Τμήμα Θεολογίας, Θεσσαλονίκη, November 10, 2022. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.26262/heal.auth.ir.342883>.

It is interesting to note that a year ago a Ph.D. thesis — which also deals with the contribution of Bishop Nicholai — was defended at the same Faculty. Namely, Nikola M. Stančić defended his Ph.D. thesis at the Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki on December 7, 2021. The supervisor of this thesis was Prof. Tryfon Tsompanis [Τρύφων Τσομπάνης]. In his thesis, dedicated to the ministry of the word of God in the Serbian Orthodox Church during the 19th and 20th century, Stančić presented a set of figures (18 preachers) involved in the ministry of the word, the historical context in which they worked, lived, and taught theology, as well as their homiletic works for the purpose of analyzing the subject matter of their homilies. A chapter of this thesis is dedicated to the analysis of the contribution of Bishop Nicholai [“2.4 Άγιος Νικόλαος Βελμίροβιτς,” pp. 143–186].

According to the author of this research, two of the fundamental characteristics of the ministry of the word in the Serbian Orthodox Church are: 1) the Christology of both St Nicholai Velimirovich and St Justin Popović, and 2) the Serbian people’s sense of justice stemming from their historical rights and heritage in Kosovo. The thesis, written and defended in Greek [on 450 pages], is fully available online:

Nikola M. Stančić, “Οι διάκονοι και η διακονία του λόγου στη Σερβική Εκκλησία κατά τον 19ο και 20ο αιώνα” [“Ministers and Ministry of the Word in the Serbian Orthodox Church during the 19th and 20th Centuries”], Ph.D. thesis, Αριστοτέλειο Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλονίκης, Θεολογική Σχολή, Τμήμα Κοινωνικής Θεολογίας και Χριστιανικού Πολιτισμού, Θεσσαλονίκη, December 7, 2021. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.26262/heal.auth.ir.336619>.

In addition to several thesis defended in Greece in the past few years, mentioned in the list of recent research and publications

which is published in the previous issue of the *Nicholai Studies* [Vol. II, No. 4 (2022): 427–505], there is also some ongoing research. For instance, Very Reverend Archimandrite Jovan Madžić, a Master student at the Faculty of Theology at the Kapodistrian and National University of Athens, is finishing his M.Th. thesis entitled “Ο Χριστός ως ‘Πανάνθρωπος,’ Θεάνθρωπος και Μόνος Φιλάνθρωπος όψεις Χριστολογία του Αγ. Νικολάου Βελμιροβιτς” [“Christ as the ‘All-Man,’ God–Man and the Only Lover of Humankind — Aspects of Christology of St. Nicholai Velimirovich”], which should be defended during this year, God willing.

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### **Academic Research on St. Nicholai Velimirovich in Russia Moscow, Russia, December 23, 2022**

In December 2022, Aleksandar Prvulj defended his M.Th. thesis on the theological insights regarding patriotism in the works and teachings of St. Nicholai Velimirovich. This thesis was defended at the Faculty of Theology of the Russian Orthodox University of Saint John the Divine [Российский православный университет святого Иоанна Богослова] in Moscow.

The supervisor of this thesis was Prof. Nikolaj Nikolaevich Pavlyuchenkov [Николай Николаевич Павлюченков]. This thesis is written on 101 pages:

Александр Првужь, „Богословское обоснование национализма и патриотизма в наследии Святителя Николая Сербского (Велимировича)“ [“Theological Justification of Nationalism and Patriotism in the Legacy of St. Nicholai of Serbia (Velimirovich)”], M.Th. thesis / Выпускная квалификационная работа магистра, Философско-богословский факультет, Российский православный университет святого Иоанна Богослова, Москва, 23 декабря 2022.

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