

**GA lect 240**  
**(University of Glasgow, Scotland, University Library, Ms Hunter 405)**

***Kurzgefasste Liste* description:**

GA MS number: GA lect 240

Contents: *lesk*

Date: XII

Material: parchment

Leaves: 251

Columns: 2

Lines per column: 22–25

Dimensions: 28 x 21 cm

Shelf Number: Ms Hunter 405

*Corrections to K-Liste description:* Dimensions, lines per page, leaf count.

**CSNTM description:**

MS number: GA lect 240

Contents: *lesk*

Date: XII<sup>1</sup>

Material: parchment

Columns: 2

Lines per column: 21-25 (22 is mean)

Dimensions: 27.5 x 21–21.5 x 6 cm

Shelf Number: Ms Hunter 405 (old s.n. V.3.3; older: Q.3.3)

Leaves: 252

**Text leaves:** leaves are paginated.

The binding sheets glued to “72” and “73” are from a Latin codex. *These have been shot separately with both pages opened wide and a high f stop used.*

*Between 80 and 81, there is a fragment of another Christian Greek MS. Has been shot separately.*

Pp. 153-54 are blank paper, probably inserted when the MS was rebound so that the numbering would not be off.

*P. 185: binding strip in Greek, X-XI cent. Both sides shot separately. The same strip is at the end of the quire, in front of p. 200. Both sides shot also.*

After p. 224, a strip of a leaf is still there, but there is virtually no text on it (counted as 225–26). Thus, beginning with ‘225,’ image count is ahead of numbered pages by two.

**Image count:** 504

Cover material:

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<sup>1</sup> Hunter catalog says XII-XIII.

**front cover:** front cover, 6 largely blank paper leaves, first parchment leaf, color chart, spine.  
subtotal: 18

**back cover:** cover plus 5 leaves.  
subtotal: 12

**Image count:** 30

UV: none.

**Interesting or significant material:** 8-double-leaf quires. “Scrivener 231” on inside front cover. in front cover material, a loose leaf index of passages is handwritten in ink. May be from Scrivener, but probably from de Missy. parchment cover leaf indicates former owner (Caesar de Missy, 1747), with other notes. Pages are marked in later hand with scripture references for each lection and with each lection numbered sequentially. The binding sheets glued to “72” and “73” are from a Latin codex. *These should be shot separately with both pages opened wide and a high f stop.*

*\*Between pp. 80 and 81, there is a fragment of another Christian Greek MS. Shot separately. “ας του χριστου ευλ” on one side (with much more material); verso has “τυρειν υπερ του” and much more. This is a two-column MS from c. X-XI cent. Text is hanging from line.*

*\*Between pp. 100 and 101, there is a fragment from a Christian Greek MS. Glued in top half of page so that the close-ups can only do verso for whole fragment, but recto for bottom half. Nice ornamentation for the beginning of a lection.*

*\*p. 185: binding strip in Greek, c. X-XI cent. Both sides shot. The same strip is at the end of the quire, in front of p. 200. Both sides shot also.*

p. 392—ornate introduction to a new lection. Several other places, too.

p. 429: double asterisk and dots in a rectangle around text indicate deletion, since the verses are accidentally repeated. A later hand put in the asterisks, while the original scribe just used dots.

From the Hunter catalog:

Ms Hunter 405 (lectionary 240): *Evangelium*

pp. 324-25

Press Mark:

V.3.3.

Q.3.3.; Q.3.36

*Description:* “Vellum, 11 x 8 ½, ff. 251 (not counting the supposititious (blank) paper

leaf, pp. '153,' '154')...' 2 cols., 22-25, 8 & 1/8 x 2 & 3/8" for each column (324). Extensive information on collation, binding, signatures, etc. Date: XII-XIII. Binding is XVIII century. "From the above quoted inscriptions, this MS. appears to have been given at first to the Church of S. George (Query: Where?) by one Nicetas and afterwards to have belonged to the Monastery of Prodromus." (325)

From the online catalog:

**Reference Code:** GB 0247 MS Hunter 405 (V.3.3)  
**Call Number:** MS Hunter 405 (V.3.3)  
**Title:** Evangelivm  
**Content:** Evangelivm. [Greek characters]. Evangelistary of the Greek Church: Begins (1, 2 recto lines 1-4): [Greek characters] [these lines in gilt characters enclosed in an arabesque border (gilt and illuminated) with birds above and pines (conventional) at the corners] | (col. a, line 1): E [gilt illuminated initial with a right hand making the Orthodox sign of the Cross] [Greek characters] Ends (33, 1 verso lines 13-15): [Greek characters] [= St. Mk. 630.] | [Greek characters] (33, 1 verso line 13 = V.5.10, 17, 1 verso col. b, line 29.) Remarks: On iv, 1 recto in an XVIII. Cent. hand, pencil (title, for binder): Euaggelion | manuscriptum. For the title see J.M. Neale, History of the Holy Eastern Church, London, 1850, p. 851. Under this is scribbled in a (?) XV.-XVI. Cent. hand: [Greek characters] On 1, 1 recto top, in an XVIII. Cent. hand: 2 V.W/G S/G. On 1, 1 recto centre, in a XIV.-XV. Cent. hand: [Greek characters]. Reversed, in a XVI.-XVII. Cent. hand: Magnifico domino quanto e pur honorande. Under this in an XVIII. Cent. hand (?De Missy's): Ex libris CAESARIS DE MISSY Berolinensis: | Londini: | Anno M . DCC . XLVij: [unkeyable character] On 1, 1 verso (in the form of a cross having four illuminated circles surrounding its head containing the following mottoes respectively: [Greek characters] and with a group of four smaller circles on each side of its foot): [Greek characters] | [space of one line] | [Greek characters] Between 1, 1. and 1, 2. is a half sheet of paper containing in an XVIII. Cent. hand an index (paged) of the Lessons in this Lectionary. The 13th quire has a fragment of an XI. Cent. Greek MS. pasted on its back. The "gold" ink of the illuminations has corroded the vellum in places, especially pp. 453-459. The paginator (?De Missy) has quoted the passages (chapters and verses throughout) and numbered the Lessons consecutively (1-237). César De Missy (1703-75) was a Prussian critic and divine, who owned many of the volumes in this collection. He was George III.'s French

chaplain, and spent his life collecting materials for an Edition of the New Testament. From the above quoted inscriptions, this MS. appears to have been given at first to the Church of S. George (Query: Where?) by one Nicetas and afterwards to have belonged to the Monastery of Prodromus. The contractions are indicated by spaced type. [Formerly Q.3.3; Q.3.36]. There are also some original signatures (e.g. f. 185). The ending (quoted last line of p. 324) reads [Greek characters] (a cross reference for the lection). In the inscription read [Greek characters]. (I.C. Cunningham, 28/5/81.) Evangelion (1 240; synaxarion [weekday / Sat.-Sun.] + menalogion). s.xii. Parchment. 251 ff. 280 x 210. 2 col. 22-25 ll. i10(-10), ii-v8, vi10, vii-ix8, x2, xi-xiii8, xiv6, xv-xxxii8, xxxiii2(-2). FO: o tapeinos Niketas; church of St George; mone tou Prodromon plesion Bomstokous; César de Missy, 1747 (Ian C. Cunningham: Greek Manuscripts in Scotland. Edinburgh, NLS, 1982).

**Date of Creation:**

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**Physical Description:**

Bound volume. Vellum, 11 x 8½, ff. 251 (not counting the supposititious (blank) paper leaf, pp. '153', '154'), well written in double cols. of 22-25 lines, each 8 1/8 x 2 3/8, lined and margined with bodkin, signatures (XVIII. Cent.), pagination (pp. 1-502, beginning 1, 2 recto) XVIII. Cent., no catchwords, gilt illuminated initials, arabesque head-pieces (pp. 1, 101, 213, 392), punctuation and accents added later in red, titles of 'Lessons' gilt, running titles (XVIII. Cent.), no marginalia, much cropped, otherwise well preserved, Scrivener, Lect. 231, p. 343, Gregory, Lect. 240, p. 721, fol. sec. [Greek characters]. Cent. XII.-XIII. Binding: Millboards, covered brown grained Russia (probably faded crimson), gilt-tooled inside margins, edges, sides and panelled back, green silk ribbon marker, gold stamp, crowns, and flowers, etc. (as in V.3.4, V.4.3, V.5.10, and V.7.3), on each board, title (gilt) on dark green morocco shield: EUAGGELION | MANUSCRIPTUM. Cent. XVIII. [For detailed collation see: John Young and P. Henderson Aitken, A Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of The Hunterian Museum in The University of Glasgow. (Glasgow, 1908), p. 324.]

**Language:**

Greek

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Document

**Bibliography:**

Ian C. Cunningham, Greek Manuscripts in Scotland: summary catalogue, with addendum (Edinburgh, 1982), no. 51; National Library of Scotland, Treasures of Scottish libraries: catalogue (Edinburgh, 1961), vi, 3; John Young & P.H. Aitken, A catalogue of the manuscripts in the Library

of the Hunterian Museum in the University of Glasgow (Glasgow, 1908), pp 324-325.

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