

**GA lect 241**  
**(University of Glasgow, Scotland, University Library, Ms Hunter 419)**

***Kurzgefasste Liste* description:**

GA MS number: GA lect 241

Contents: *I*<sup>a</sup>e

Date: 1199

Material: parchment

Leaves: 176

Columns: 2

Lines per column: 26

Dimensions: 27.3 x 21 cm

Shelf Number: Ms Hunter 419

*Corrections to K-Liste description:* Material.

**CSNTM description:**

MS number: GA lect 241

Contents: *I*<sup>a</sup>e

Date: 1199

Material: Parchment and paper (front and back cover only)

Columns: 2<sup>1</sup>

Lines per column: 26

Dimensions: 27.3 x 21 x 5.7 cm

Shelf Number: Ms Hunter 419

Leaves:

**Text leaves:** 176. Pagination correct, no foliation.<sup>2</sup> 8 leaves per quire.

**Image count:** 362

Cover material:

**front cover:** Cover plus 5 paper leaves (2–5 blank), spine, color chart.  
subtotal: 14

**back cover:** Back cover (early spine and typed information pasted on recto of back cover) plus 5 paper leaves (2-4 paginated).  
subtotal: 12

**Image count:** 26

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<sup>1</sup> Except for *page* 8 (1 column), by the same scribe.

<sup>2</sup> Except that the blank leaves at the back are incorrectly foliated. There are five blank leaves, with 2–5 foliated but picking up the last paginated page as though it were the foliated number: blank, ‘354,’ ‘355,’ ‘356,’ ‘357.’

UV: None.

Interesting or significant material:

Known as Scrivener's 232. A child's drawings on 148v and 162v. Several pages are trapezoidal or slanted. P. 120 has several wax "drawings."

A note written with a typewriter by a binder in 1963 is pasted on the recto of the back cover next to an earlier binding (also pasted on the recto of the back cover):

*"NOTE BY BINDER*

*V.4.3 DC.4611*

*APOSTULUS, Lectionarium Graecum*

*Condition when received:*

*Binding brown diced calf over millboard, gold roll round boards and on edge of boards and turn-in, small gold built up centre on each board, gold tooled spine, dark green lettering piece, leather rubbed on edges, through at corners, broken on joints, cracked, rotten and badly damaged on spine; book sewn on five cords, slips broken, cords broken, 17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch marbled paper pastedown and made fly leaf at each end, book plate on first pastedown, four blank paper fly leaves at each end, book very stiff to open; vellum in very good condition but hard and stiff and rather dirty.*

*Book taken down, damaged leaves repaired with vellum, end papers repaired and replaced, linen joints, re sewn on five double cords to the old marking up, throat headbands, spine covered with brown morocco, boards repaired and replaced, gold lettering; fragments of the old lettering piece and old spine panels mounted on the inside of the back board.*

*[signed: SMC]*

*D.C. & Son*

*December, 1963."*

Also, the fragments from the former (eighteenth century) spine are glued into the back inside cover.

From the Hunter catalog<sup>3</sup>:

Ms Hunter 419 (lectionary 241): *Apostolos, Praxapostolos*

pp. 343-44

Press Mark:

V.4.3.

Q3.4; Q3.37

*Description:* Vellum, 10.75 x 8.25", 176 leaves, 2 columns, 26 lines per column (each

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<sup>3</sup> John Young ('planned and begun by the late'), and P. Henderson Aitken ('continued and completed under the direction of the Young Memorial Committee by'), *A Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of the Hunterian Museum in the University of Glasgow*. Glasgow: James MacLehose and Sons (publishers to the University), 1908.

8.5 x 2.75”), ruled and margined with bodkin, pagination over erased foliation. Bibliography: Scrivener, *Lect.* 232, pp. 343, 381, 395; Gregory, *Lect.* 241, p. 721). Late XII (1199). Several leaves are half sheets. p. 304 “in an uneducated scrawl (probably XVII.-XVIII. Cent.) is an alphabet. A similar hand (and ink) has scrawled ΙΞ ΧΣ on p. 214.” (344) Binding is 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Fascinating information about the scribe who wrote this MS as well as V.3.3.; V.3.4.; and V.5.10. Then (p. 344):

From the above colophon [on last leaf] we learn that this MS. “was finished in the month of August, 1199” [ζ´ = 6000, ψ´ = 700, ζ´ = 7, i.e. 6707-5508 (the year of the creation of the world according to the era of Constantinople) = 1199 A.D.], “in the reign of Alexius (or Alexis) Comnenus III., the Angel,” [who assumed the surname Comnenus from his grandmother, Theodora Comnena, in 1195,] “by the special permission (συνδρομῆ) and at the expense of the celestial Hosts (commonly called the monastery of The Silent One (τοῦ κωφοῦ)), where he dedicated it as a memorial gift. Whoever should dare to snatch it thence would find that Angelic General its avenging champion both in this world and in that which is to come.”

Alexius Comnenus III., Died 1210.

From online catalog:

**Reference Code:** GB 0247 MS Hunter 419 (V.4.3)  
**Call Number:** MS Hunter 419 (V.4.3)  
**Title:** Apostolvs  
**Content:** Apostolvs. (Apostolos, Praxapostolos.) Apostolus. (Greek Church Lectionary from Epistles and Gospels): Begins - under a trellis-like rubricated ornament surmounted by a device (of a four-rayed star under a knotted pattern) with [Greek characters] (left) and [Greek characters] (right) - (1, 1 recto [p. 1] col. a, lines 1-5): 'E [small rubricated initial] [Greek characters] [small rubricated initial] [Greek characters] | 'A [larger rubricated initial] [Greek characters] [= Eph. 58.] Ends (22, 8 verso [p. 352] col. a, line 26): [Greek characters] [St. Lk. 2356.] Remarks: On p. 1, top margin, in a late hand: [Greek characters]. Partly under this and erased, in an earlier hand: [Greek characters]. On the lower margin, in a XVII. Cent. hand: [Greek characters]. Under which, in the same (?) ink: (CC). On p. 304 in an uneducated scrawl (probably XVII.-XVIII. Cent.) is an alphabet. A similar hand (and ink) has scrawled IC XC on p. 214. On p. 352, col. b continues in the same hand as the rest of the MS.: [Greek characters]. Under this (in the same hand as in V.3.3; V.3.4; and V.5.10): Ex libris Cæsaris De Missy, Berolinensis: Londini: | Anno Domini M. DCC.XLviiiij: [unkeyable character] From the above colophon we learn that this MS. "was finished in the month of August, 1199" [Greek character] = 6000, [Greek character] = 700, [Greek

character] = 7, i.e. 6707-5508 (the year of the creation of the world according to the era of Constantinople) = 1199 A.D.], "in the reign of Alexius (or Alexis) Comnenus III., the Angel", [who assumed the surname Comnenus from his grandmother, Theodora Comnena, in 1195,] "by the special permission ([Greek characters]) and at the expense of Gregorius the prior of the monastery of the Archangel Michael, commander in chief of the celestial Hosts (commonly called the monastery of The Silent One ([Greek characters]), where he dedicated it as a memorial gift. Whoever should dare to snatch it thence would find that Angelic General its avenging champion both in this world and in that which is to come." Alexius Comnenus III., died 1210. For César De Missy (1703-1775), Prussian critic and divine, see V.3.3. [Formerly Q.3.4; Q.3.37]. Subscription l. 3 read [Greek characters]; l. 4 apparently [Greek characters]; l. 6 [Greek characters] (I.C. Cunningham, 28/5/81.) [Greek characters] (weekday) (l 241). Aug. 1199. Parchment. 176 ff. 273 x 210. 2 col. 26 ll. i-xxii8 (some half-sheets). Written for [Greek characters]. FO: the said monastery; César de Missy, 1748. (Ian C. Cunningham: Greek Manuscripts in Scotland. Edinburgh, NLS, 1982.)

**Date of Creation:**

1199

**Physical Description:**

Bound volume. Vellum, 10 3/4 x 8 1/4, ff. 176, well written in double cols. of 26 lines, each 8 1/2 x 2 3/4, ruled and margined with bodkin, signatures (the same number (alphabetical) on the first recto and last verso of each quire), no catchwords (the above arrangement sufficing to give the sequence), pagination (?by De Missy) over erased foliation, rubrics and rubricated initials, no marginalia (with the exception of the numbering of the Lessons, 1-350, and citation of the chapters and verses by the paginator), cropped, otherwise well preserved (Scrivener, Lect. 232, pp. 343, 381, 395; Gregory, Lect. 241, p. 721), fol. sec. [Greek characters]. Late Cent. XII. (1199). Binding: Similar to that of V.3.3; V.3.4; V.5.10; and V.7.3, the gilt central stamp identical in each, green silk ribbon marker, saffron edges, title (gilt) on black morocco shield: LECTIIONARIUM | GRAECUM | 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. 343.]

**Language:**

Greek

**Document Type:**

Document

**Bibliography:**

Ian C. Cunningham, Greek Manuscripts in Scotland: summary catalogue, with addendum (Edinburgh, 1982), no.

55; 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 343-344.

**Level of Description:**

Item

**Access:**

Normal conditions

**Accession Number:**

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**Names associated with this document:**

**author:**

Orthodox Eastern Church      Historical notes

**provenance:**

César de Missy      Biographical notes  
1703-1775

**provenance:**

Monastery of the Archangel Michael      Historical notes

**sponsor:**

Gregory fl.c.1200      Biographical notes

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