

The Monks of Dobromyl Basilian Monastery of St. Onuphrius (1783): A Biographical Review

Abstract:

This study presents a historiographical review of the countrywide studies of Dobromyl Monastery, as well as more localised studies. The biographical sources sought in our study aiming to collect personal data about the inhabitants of the monastery include the monks' catalogues, the visitation records, the monk's reports, the monks' biographies and monastery obituaries, but also the dynamics of the monastic population from 1739 to 1783. The factors that influenced the changes in the composition of the monastic fraternity were identified as the operation of the novitiate school and monastic studios. The history of the founding of Dobromyl Novitiate is revealed. The monks' prosopographic characteristics considered are the following: origin (territorial and social), age indicators (age of entry, length of stay in the monastery and the Order and total life expectancy), responsibilities (administrative, economic, pedagogical or ecclesiastical), educational training, ecclesiastical stages (novice, candidate, brother or father) and priestly ordinations (sub-deacon, deacon or priest). A report by an abbot of the monastery was prepared for publication in 1783. Based on the personal data, the biographies of the Basilian monks are drafted according to unified indicators: time and place of birth, time and place of entry into monasticism, period and place of novitiate, time of drawing up of monastic vows of profession, educational studies, degrees of consecrations and transfers to other monasteries of Sviatopokrovsk in order to perform various duties.

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