

Patrologia Orientalis Database

The online corpus of patristic texts from the Christian East
as published in the Patrologia Orientalis series



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Introduction

The *Patrologia Orientalis Database (POD)* is a collection of **patristic texts from the Christian East**, including works, in languages other than Latin, come from geographical, cultural, or religious contexts somehow linked to Rome or the Eastern Roman Empire.

The database allows users to access texts included in the printed *Patrologia Orientalis (PO)* series in two forms: the **original text**, available as a PDF file, and a **searchable translation**. The user can search for items (such as keywords or quotes) in the modern language into which the concerned text has been translated in the printed *PO* series.

All translations in the *POD* are searchable, and the reader can check the translation with the original text visible alongside as a non-searchable PDF file.

Key Features

- Provides the online version of texts and translations published in the *Patrologia Orientalis* series
- Each text is provided in its original language (Syriac, Armenian, Arabic, Coptic, Ge'ez, Georgian, and Slavonic) and in translation
- Translations are searchable
- Numerous filters (Author, Title, Subject, Language, etc.)
- Multilingual interface (English, French, German, and Italian)
- Content up-to-date with printed series until PO 254 (2022), *L'hymnaire de Saint-Sabas (V^e-VIII^e siècle): le manuscrit géorgien H2123. III. De la Nativité de Notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ au samedi de Lazare*

Latest updates

The 2023 update includes the third part of the *Hymnaire de Saint-Sabas*, published according to the Georgian manuscript H 2123.

The 2022 update included the Arabic *Notitia de locis sanctis*, as well as the Old Slavonic translation of Athanasius of Alexandria's *Oratio III contra Arianos*.

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The *Patrologia Orientalis* is a source of prime importance in many disciplines: in Patristic Studies, in History, in Theology, and in Canon Law, to name but a few.

Numerous major works are included in the *Patrologia Orientalis*. It is only right to draw attention to the Armenian, Coptic-Arabic, Ethiopic, and Georgian Sinaxaria, such as the commented edition of the Šoma Deggua and the Ethiopic Me'eraf, and to Bar Hebraeus's complete encyclopaedia, also known as the *Candélabre du sanctuaire*. The complete collection of the *Homiliae Cathedrales* by Severus of Antioch is an outstanding case, published in the Syriac translation by Jacob of Edessa, in the original Greek when extant, and otherwise in the Coptic version.

History & Related Disciplines

History and related disciplines occupy an important place in the *Patrologia Orientalis*, which contains, for example, the *History of the Patriarchs of the Coptic Church of Alexandria*, the *Histoire* of Yahya ibn Sa'id d'Antioche, and the *Histoire des sultans mamlouks* by Al-Mufaḍḍal Ibn Abi'l-Faḍa'il. The *Documents pour servir à l'histoire de l'Église nestorienne* and the *Chronique de Séert* are other cases in point.

Hagiography

Hagiography is, without a doubt, an important element, with examples such as the *Lives* by Severus of Antioch in Syriac, Arabic, and Ethiopic, the Ethiopic lives of the saints (*Atti di Banadlewos, Gādli di Abunā Demyanos*), and the *Miracle de Saint Michel à Colosses*.

Canon Law

Canon law is mainly represented by the *Canons d'Hyppolite* and *Cent-vingt-sept Canons des Apôtres*, in their Arabic versions.

Church Fathers

The Works of the Church Fathers are obviously at the forefront with, for instance, the monumental edition of the *Homiliae Cathedrales* by Severus of Antioch. The series also includes the principal works of the Fathers preserved in translation into one of the eastern languages, such as Ephrem's *Demonstration of the Apostolic Preaching* and *Hymns* in Armenian, or the *Kephalaia Gnostica* by Evagrius Ponticus. Original works are available, unpublished for the most part, especially in Syriac. Examples include the writings of Jacob of Sarugh, Narsai, and Philoxenus of Mabbug, and the *Lettre sur les trois étapes de la vie monastique* by Joseph Ḥazzaya. The *De Deo* of Yeznik of Koṭb is also worth noting.

Theology

Theology is present in the works of numerous Syrian and Arabic authors dealing with questions of dogma in the Nestorian and Monophysite Churches, and in texts related to controversies between Christians and Jews or Christians and Muslims.

There are a substantial number of homiletics, especially in Syriac, but also ones from Egypt, such as the *Homélie sur l'Église du Rocher* published in the (very fragmentary) Coptic version, in Arabic, and in Ethiopic.

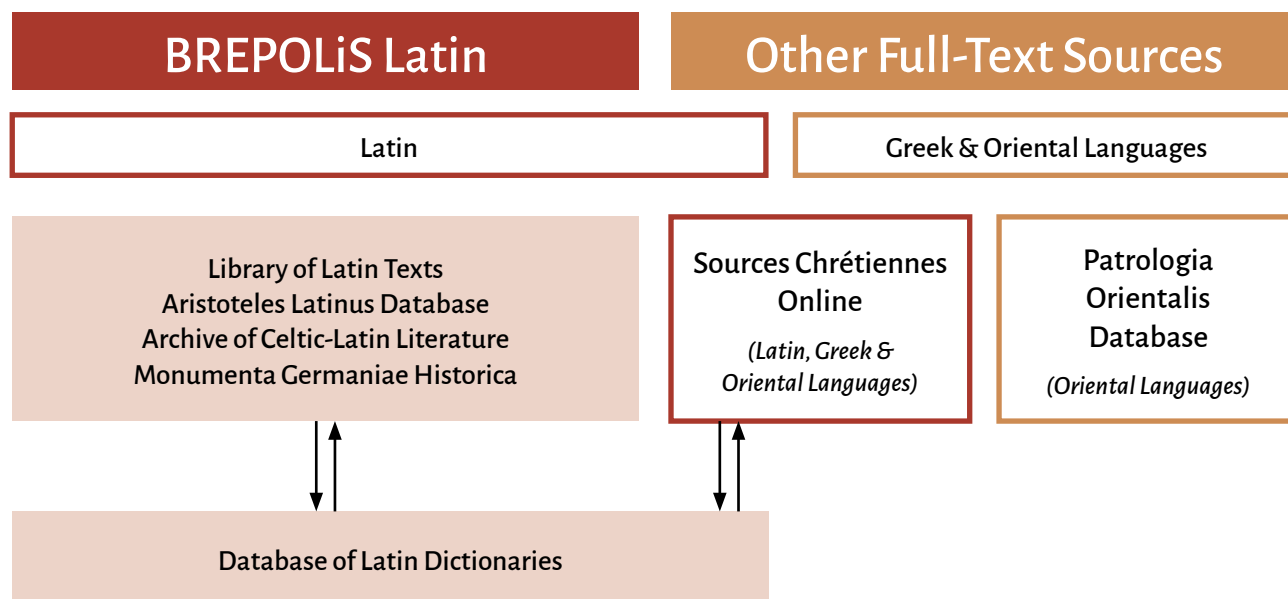
Liturgy

Liturgy is very well represented. Foremost are the Synaxaria, the Lenten antiphony and the Ethiopic Divine Office, the Armenian lectionary (cašoc'), the Lectionary for Holy Week in Bohairic Coptic, the Greek *Euchologium sinaiticum*, the *Grand Euchologe du Monastère Blanc* in Coptic, and the Eastern martyrology.

Sacred Scriptures

Its contribution to the study of Sacred Scripture is important because of its lectionaries, exegetical Catenae, several apocryphal tests (*Martyre de Pilate*, Coptic fragments, and so on), the Book of Job in Coptic, the Paralipomena in Ethiopic, and the edition of the oldest examples of the Prophets and the Gospels in Georgian.





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