

The main topic of the thesis is Russian participation at the Florence Council and refusal of the Church Union is negotiation during the Ferrara-Florence Council in 1438-1439 with main focus on impacts of its resolutions on orthodox (eastern) church. I focused above all on participation of Russian delegation, led by the Kiev and Russian metropolitan Isidor. I tried to explain reasons leading Grand Prince Vasilij II to refuse the church union and to describe all consequences for Russia that followed his refusal. I was looking for the answer whether at all and if yes to what extent the negative position of Russian ruler influenced further development of Russia. The aim of the thesis was also to find out how the official policy of Vasilij II towards church was perceived by local representatives of Moscow principality. I was interested in whether they had different positions to ruler's one. I would like to extend this study to most of the orthodox population but it was not possible due to lack of information in available Russian sources.