

Summary

Korespondence Cyrila Alexandrijského s Nestóriem

Cyril's of Alexandria corespondence with Nestorios

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The theme of this work is christological contradiction solved on the third Saint General Council of Ephesus in 431. It is focused on correspondence that preceded the convening of Council, especially the *Second Epistle of Cyril to Nestorius*. It shows its content and discuss mentioned arguments. The reason of the contradiction was that Nestorius denied Virgin Mary the title of Theotokos and the subject of controversy was the question of the hypostatic union. The work summarizes previous dogmatic development of christology to justify the title of Theotokos. It presents the efforts to formulate the answer to the question that Jesus Christ had already asked his disciples: “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” And that since the beginning of triadology, through solving the question at the first two General Councils, up to the Christology itself. The work shows how the christological questions were formed by Origen, Paul of Samosata, Arius, Saint Eustathius, Apollinaris of Laodicea and Saint Athanasius during the 3rd and 4th century with respect to the methodology of the two major theological schools, Alexandrian and Antiochian. From defenders of Nicene religion, who saw the christological question as current problem during the fights with arianism it proceeds to the theology of predecessors of dispute initiator Nestorius like Diodorus of Tarsus, Theodore of Mopsuestia and Cyril and Nestorius who where the main actors of the third Saint General Council of Ephesus. The most important part of the work is focused on the Second Epistle of Cyril to Nestorius. It presents its content and discuss the main Cyril’s arguments for the hypostatic union whose essential for the possibility of salvation of the human race by Jesus Christ is given subsequently. Than the work presents the essential importance of Virgin Mary’s title Theotokos for orthodox christology. At the end the work is dealing with different valuation of the importance of Cyril’s merits. It mentions the approach of theologians such as: Jaroslav Kadlec, Rudolf Říčan, Augusa Franzen, Heinrich Kraft, A. Helux and Johannese Quasten with whom introduces a brief controversy based on the content Cyril’s Letter and other sources.