

YOSIF SOKOLSKI AND THE UNIATE MOVEMENT ON THE PAGES OF THE BULGARIAN  
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The combination of the struggle for strengthening of an independent Bulgarian church with the Uniate movement encourages the latter popularity and development among the Bulgarians. Important factors for pro-catholic purposefulness of part of the Bulgarian Revival intelligence are the unwillingness of the Patriarchate to satisfy the Bulgarians' demands and its contradiction with the Papacy policy of protection towards the Orthodox Christians. Data for more detailed analysis about the participation of archimandrite Josif Sokolski in the movement can be found in publications in the newspapers "Tsarigradski vestnik", "Bulgaria" and "Dunavski lebed" as well as in the magazine "Bulgarski knizhitsi" during the period November 1859 - September 1862.

In accordance with the contents and ideas of authors' analyses and the stories of contemporaries and witnesses of those events, different themes have been discussed in the Bulgarian Revival press: from general characteristics and significance of the Uniate movement to reasons for its origin and end; the Act of integration to the Uniate and the ceremony of consecration of archbishop and principal clergyman of the Bulgarian Uniate church; physical and moral characteristics of Josif Sokolski; his motives for becoming a convert and the consequent abandonment from the Uniate; versions of his escape and destiny; public evaluation of his deeds.

The case of "Josif Sokolski and the Uniate Movement", having been interpreted by the then periodical press, has its importance upon clarification of the right or argumentative positions of our Revival society about the tactics for realization of the national legal struggle.