

The A. G. Leventis Foundation is delighted to support the research and publication of the present electronic catalogue of the Greek Manuscript Collection at Lambeth Palace Library, the fruit of collaboration between the Library and the Hellenic Institute of Royal Holloway, University of London. This is a descriptive catalogue of the entire collection, mainly comprising Gospel Books, Lectionaries, commentaries on the Old and New Testaments, theological treatises and historical and literary texts which include classical, Byzantine and post-Byzantine authors. It is hoped that the online publication of the detailed catalogue will enable scholars and the general public to explore this collection, and will shed new light on the content, provenance and restoration of these important manuscripts as well as contribute to the study of the history of the long relations between the Anglican and Orthodox Churches.

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