



# A New Piece of the Dossier of Gregory Palamas' Captivity among the Turks

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On the collapse of the Byzantine presence and the beginnings of the transformation in Asia Minor in the first half of the 14th century, the direct sources are very few: two letters of the patriarch John Kalekas to the Christians of Nicaea and the letters of Matthew of Ephesos and Theophanes of Nicaea. The dossier of Gregory Palamas' captivity (1354–1355) occupies a particularly important place: 1. A letter to his Church; 2. A disputation with the Chionai; 3. A letter to an anonymous.

Our research on the manuscript tradition of Palamas' works has enabled us to add a new piece to the dossier: a discourse he gave before the Christian community of Lampsakos in March 1354. The text is also very important because it gives us evidence of the existence of crypto-Christians. It is the oldest testimony (along with a letter from Patriarch Kalekas) about a phenomenon well known during the Ottoman era in Asia Minor and the Balkans.

Im Anschluss wird zu einem kleinen Empfang eingeladen.

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