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Former MS numbers :

None

Summary content :

Octateuch (incomplete)

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Material :

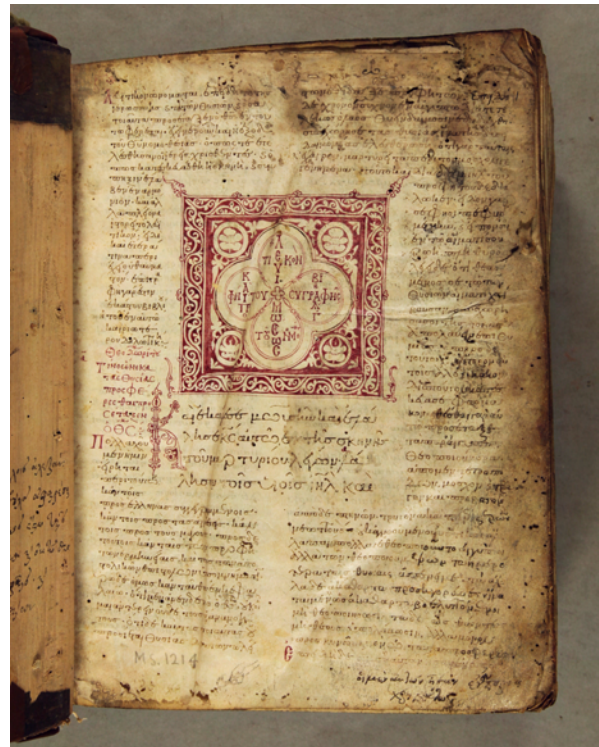
Parchment

Folios :

ff. 412

Dimensions :

334 x 246



Gatherings :

36 x 8 (288), 6 (294), 13 x 8 (406), 6 (412)

Folios/pages on which gatherings begin :

ff. 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, 73, 81, 89, 97, 105, 113, 121, 137, 145, 153, 161, 169, 177, 185, 193, 201, 209, 217, 225, 233, 241, 249, 257, 265, 273, 282, 289, 295, 303, 311, 319, 327, 335, 343, 351, 359, 367, 375, 383, 391, 399, 407

Detailed content :

Octateuch (incomplete): ff. 1r-90r: Leviticus; ff. 90v-196r: Numbers; ff. 196v-294v: Deuteronomy; ff. 295r-347r: Joshua; ff. 347v-399r: Judges; ff. 399v-409v, line 12: Ruth; f. 409v, line 13-f. 411r, line 5: note on translations of the Old Testament from Hebrew into Greek; f. 411r, line 6-f. 411v, line 8: note on occasions when Israel was devastated by invaders; f. 411v, line 9-f. 412v, line 8: note on the Hebrew names of God; f. 412v, lines 9-21: colophon of John Koulix

Folio/page numbers :

By folios, top right, Arabic numerals, black ink

Quire numbers :

At beginning of each quire, recto, and end of each quire, verso, bottom right, Greek numerals, mid-brown ink

Columns & lines :

Bible text: single column, 3-30 lines; *catena*: surrounds main text, one or two columns, up to 41 lines

Ruling :

Leroy K24D3 (strictly unclassified under Leroy system due to unusual three-column layout); hardpoint, piercing visible for horizontals and verticals; lines of text ignore ruling. The function of the vertical lines varies according to the relationship between Biblical text and *catena* in the page layout: where the *catena* appear in two columns, the central column divider separates these; the outer divisions delineate the outer edge of the Biblical text where this is of medium width, but are ignored where it is confined to a small area in the centre, while the outer verticals are used when it fills most of the page.

Scribe(s) :

John Koulix: main text, rubric, quire numbers; Hand B: marginal notes and corrections ff. 25v-27r, 34r, 36r, 39v, 42r, 51r, 69v, 70v, 86r, 178v, 210v, 234v, 235r, 265v, 266v; Hand C: notes ff. 89r, 126v, 200v; Hand D: notes ff. 200v, 412r; Hand E: note f. 10v; Hand F: notes ff. 221r, 222r, 233v; Hand G: note f. 407v; Hand H: notes f. 319r; Hand I: notes ff. 3r, 366v; Hand J: note f. 367r; Hand K: note, back board; Hand L: Hebrew note and lections ff. ff. 13r, 21v, 26v, 29v; Hand M: Hebrew lections ff. 36r, 46r, 56v, 64r, 77r, 82v, 91r, 103r, 119r, 132r, 141r, 150r, 159v-160r, 171r, 182r, 183r, 189r, 198r, 205r, 215v, 224v, 236r, 246r, 259r, 270r, 276v, 285v; Hand N: note, overwriting f. 1r; Hand O: note f. 201r; Hand P: note f. 409v; Hand Q: note f. 93v; Hand R: notes f. 412v; Hand S: note f. 412v; Hand T: chapter numbers, running headers; Ioannis: note f. 317r; Hand V: folio counts ff. 90r, 196r, 197r, 295r, 347v; Alexandros: ownership note, front board; Hand X: calculation f. 293v; Hand Y: calculation, back board; Hand Z: calculation, back board; Hand AA: calculation, back board; Hand AB: calculation, back board; Hand AC: calculation, back board

Script (general characteristics) :

John Koulix, main text: Ornate calligraphic mixed minuscule, upright, with significant expansion of letters and many flamboyant ligatures, occasional flourishes on bottom line, with decoration (ff. 51r, 55v, 102v); superscription of letters common, but at line ends only; occasional deletions by strikethrough in red ink; John Koulix, rubric: Alexandrine majuscule

Script (letters & ligatures) :

John Koulix: all minuscule letter forms and all majuscule letter forms except *mu*, *nu*, *upsilon* present in mixed minuscule; distinctive letter forms: minuscule *eta*, *iota*, *kappa* with doubled ascender; open *theta* with bulbous upper loop; *theta* with x-mark on horizontal; large, kinked minuscule *nu*; flat-bottomed majuscule *omega*; distinctive ligatures: ligatures with large half-*epsilon*, especially *epsilon-xi*; ligatures with *omicron* surrounding and joining following letter; ligatures with left-hand horizontal of *pi* curving over top to join following letter; ligatures with large open *rho* surrounding following letter; *epsilon-psi* with large half-*epsilon* in main line of text curving up through horizontal of minuscule *psi* to join at top; *theta-epsilon-rho* with split *epsilon* formed of downward-curved stroke from *theta* and separate diagonal stroke joining

open *rho*; *sigma-epsilon* with tail of *sigma* joining superscribed long-bottomed half-*epsilon* from below; *omega-rho* with *rho* passing through middle of majuscule *omega*

Diacritics & punctuation :

John Koulix: breathings angular, half-angular and round; circumflexes often wide; mute *iota* usually absent, transitional when present; double dot used functionally only; double grave accent present on δὲ, ἐπεὶ, καὶ, μὲν, μὴ; use of middle and upper point, lower and middle comma, question mark, full stop; chevron quotation marks; use of hyphen to merge words; horizontal strokes over proper names and numbers

Abbreviations :

John Koulix: *Nomina sacra* (accents separate from strokes); καί; φησί; syllabic (throughout line); horizontal stroke for *nu*

Apparatus :

Rubricated author names and occasional headings for catena entries, marginal or in line of text; rubricated reference marks linking *catena* entries to the corresponding point in the Biblical text; marginal corrections, linked to corresponding point in the text by reference marks; ff. 89v, 196r, 197r, 295r, 347v: notes of number of folios occupied by each book; ff. 1v, 174r, 272r, 291v: marginal σημείωσαι marks; f. 91r-v: rubricated numbers of tribal list; ff. 13r, 21v, 29v, 36r, 46r, 56v, 64r, 77r, 82v, 91r, 103r, 119r, 132r, 141r, 150r, 159v-160r, 171r, 182r, 183r, 189r, 198r, 205r, 215v, 224v, 236r, 246r, 259r, 270r, 276v, 285v: Hebrew notes for beginning of Jewish lections, those on ff. 182r, 183r, 189r, 198r, 205r linked by manicules to the corresponding point in the Biblical text (...f. 46r: 'אחר', f. 56v: 'יקדשנה', f. 64r: 'הכהן' etc.); ff. 1r-294r: running headers for books; marginal modern chapter numbers in Latin and Greek script, Arabic and Greek numerals, linked by reference marks to corresponding point in Biblical text

Ink:

John Koulix: mid-brown and dark red; Hand B: variable brown; Hand C: dark brown; Hand D: dark brown; Hand E: dark brown; Hand F: mid-brown; Hand G: dark brown; Hand H: mid-brown; Hand I: dark brown; Hand J: dark brown; Hand K: black; Hand L: dark brown; Hand M: dark brown; Hand N: dark brown; Hand O: black; Hand P: dark brown; Hand Q: mid-brown; Hand R: black; Hand S: black; Hand T: mid-brown; Ioannis: bright red; Hand V: green; Alexandros: dark brown; Hand X: black; Hand Y: mid-brown; Hand Z: dark brown; Hand AA: black; Hand AB: blue; Hand AC: pencil

Ornament :

ff. 1r, 196v, 399v: rubricated borders surround book headings (in epigraphic display majuscule, sometimes with scroll ornament): f. 1r square box containing Sasanian palmettes in medallions, palmettes and rinceaux with demi-palmettes, with vegetative ornament at corners, text in quatrefoil, ff. 196v, 399v rectangular boxes containing rinceaux with demi-palmettes, with palmette ornament at corners; ff. 90v, 295r, 347v: rubricated headpieces precede book headings (in epigraphic display majuscule, sometimes with scroll ornament): ff. 90v, 347v rectangular box containing rinceaux with demi-palmettes, with vegetative ornament at corners, f. 295r rectangular box containing palmettes; ff. 1r, 90v, 198r, 295r, 347v, 400r: rubricated major initials for start of books, usually with vegetative or other ornament; f. 409v: simple rubricated headpiece precedes note on translations: wavy line with space fillers, with palmette terminals; ff. 1v-3v, 26v, 46v-48v, 51v-52r, 58r-60r, 64r, 70v-71r, 89v, 109v-111r, 127v, 283v-284r, 286r-286v, 294v, 304r: borders around Biblical text occupying limited area in centre of page, laid out in decorative shape (ff. 1v-3v, 26v, 46v-47r, 89v, 109v-110r, 127v, 283v-284r, 286r-286v, 294v, 304r: quatrefoil, sometimes with vegetative ornament; ff. 47v, 70v-71r, 110v: circle; ff. 48r-48v, 51v-52r, 58r-60r, 64r, 111r: large circle with into smaller circle or lozenge below, sometimes with oval or rectangular base below that, very small circle above; ff. 1v-3v, 127v, 283v-284r, 286r-286v, 304r rubricated, elsewhere outline faintly marked out in brown crayon prior to copying of text but never rubricated; outline does not always correspond to actual layout of Biblical text); rubricated minor initials, sometimes with scrolling ornament; ff. 36r, 46r, 56v, 64r, 77r, 82v: simple dot ornament to Hebrew lection notes; ff. 91r, 103r, 119r, 132r, 141r, 150r, 159v-160r, 171r, 182r, 183r, 189r, 198r, 205r, 215v, 224v, 236r, 246r, 259r, 270r, 276v, 285v: decorative borders surround Hebrew lecture notes

Illustration :

None

Binding :

[Byzantine and western structural and decorative elements. The codex has encountered previous repairs and rebinding. Black tanned skin over wooden boards. Tooled in blind with small tools and fillets. Marks of five metal bosses on each cover, one only survives on the lower cover. Protruding plain primary endbands extending over the board edges. Vestiges of four tanned skin fastening straps through the lower cover.]

State of preservation :

Moderate swarm damage to ff. 1-3, 412, minor swarm damage to ff. 4-11, 408-411; small tears from edges of ff. 1-2, 8, 10-11, 83, 95, 103, 211-214, 217; head of f. 1 repaired with paper patch; lower outer corner of f. 207 repaired with parchment patch; small holes in ff. 7, 76, 128, 129, 407-412; close cropping to foot of f. 410; occasional partial loss of marginal notes and quire numbers due to cropping; possible singing to head of ff. 1-4, 410-412, diminishing inward; slight discoloration from water damage to head; some undulation, significant in early part of manuscript; some corrugation

Colophon(s) :

f. 412v: 'ἔτελειώθη ἡ ἱερὰ αὐτὴ βίβλος) συν θε(ε)ῶ τῆς ὀκτατεύχου ἐπὶ βασιλέως μεγάλου ἐν χ(ριστ)ῶ πιστοῦ καὶ ὀρθοδόξου αὐτοκράτορος ῥωμαίων ἀλεξίου τοῦ κομνηνοῦ (καὶ) ἰω(άννου) μεγάλου βασιλέως τοῦ πορφυρογεννήτου μη(νός) νό<βεμβρίου> IB' νυκτ(ός) ὥρ<ας> Θ' ἔτους ἀπὸ κτίσεως κοσμ<ου> ΣΤΧΙΒ' ἰνδ<ικτιώνος> IB' προστάξει Λέοντ(ος) τοῦ μεγαλ'επιφανεστάτου πτωτονωβελλισμ<ου> (καὶ) οἰκείου ἀν(θρώπ)ου τοῦ κρατ<αιοῦ> (καὶ) ἀγίου ἡμῶν βασιλ<έως>, τοῦ νικερίτ<ου>· διὰ χειρὸς ἰω(άννου) τοῦ εὔτε<λοῦς> (καὶ) ξένου τοῦ κούλικ(ος)· (καὶ) οἱ ἀναγινωσκοντες εὐχεσθε υπ<έρ> ἡμῶν διὰ τὸν κ(ύριο)ν:- ἀμήν'

Notes and marks of ownership :

Inside front board: 'κ(αὶ) τὸ δε πρὸς τῖς ἄλλοις ἀλεξάνδρου, ὅστις δ' ἂν βουλοὶ ἀφαιρέσει τὴν βίβλον, ὑπόδικος ἔστω ταῖς τῶν τριακοσί(ων) δέκα κ(αὶ) ὀκτῶ θεοφόρων πατέρων ἀραῖς, κ(αὶ) ποιστῶν τῶν δικαίων'; ex libris of Archbishop Charles Manners-Sutton 1805

Other notes :

Foot: '+ Λευιτικον'; f. 26v: Hebrew note recording omission of two verses; f. 293v: calculation; f. 317r: 'κ(ύρι)ε βοήθη το σον δούλου ἰω(άννου) αμαρτ(ώλου)'; f. 298r: partially illegible note identifying book of Joshua: 'γωשה[...]' f. 319r: 'γνωστὸν ἔστοσι ὧ ὁ κλησιάρχ ὅτι διὰ τὴν ἀγάπην τῆ ὁ αγι(ος) ὀσιήν'; f. 412v: '429 ἀπὸ τὸ ἀ.ας του χ(ριστο)ῦ τετρακόσια ἔτη κ(αὶ) εικοσι ἑννέα'; '412 leaves'; back board: 'ἐν ἔτη ἀπὸ κτήσεος ΣΤΧΙΒ''; calculations; ff. 1r, 3r, 10v, 89r, 93v, 126v, 136r, 200v, 201r, 221r, 245v, 265r, 266v, 268r, 269r, 269v, 271r, 272r, 366v, 367r, 407v, 409v, 412r, 412v: various brief annotations, some partially lost through cropping

Lost marks :

f. 197r: partially erased folio count; f. 298r: partially erased Hebrew note; f. 319r: partially erased notes

Provenance :

Acquired by J. D. Carlyle in the eastern Mediterranean 1800-1, purchased by Archbishop Charles Manners-Sutton and deposited in LPL 17 March 1806

Dating :

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