

The Liturgy Question in the Vita of Methodius

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Considering the historical mission of the Slavic apostles it is of crucial importance to know which liturgy was introduced and celebrated by Methodius in Great Moravia. Methodius's choice of either the Roman or the Byzantine liturgical tradition for his missionary efforts is crucial to reconstruct the reasons why his missionary work met such harsh resistance amongst the Frankish clerics, since liturgy played a crucial role in the cultural assimilation of non Germanic peoples at the borders of the Frankish territory. The paper will point to some wording in the Vita Methodii to understand what is meant by Pope Hadrian's declaration that Methodius was allowed to "celebrate in both languages";.

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