

Website Publication of CBM Short Catalogue and CBM's printed book catalogues in CBM-Brepols' First Series

- The primary idea of the PThU/CBM website is to provide an *Overall View of CBM's conception of liturgical codex types*, including all classes of biblical, liturgical (ceremonial, hymnological) and patristic manuscripts, since the liturgical whole and the interaction of codices within that given indicates the very essence, the heart of CBM approach. Individual CBM book volumes of specific codex types (Tetraevangelion or Praxapostolos, and so on) cannot show the fundamental integration of all the codices together.
- The CBM website presents and visualises the *universal average* of Byzantine liturgical codicology, which is demonstrated by distinct groups of codex types and numbered series of particular exemplars, taking into account all libraries in the world where Byzantine manuscripts are kept today. Such an inventory can never be wholly complete and will remain a tentative representation.
- The CBM website is a laboratory, work in progress, with tentative tables of codex types, providing provisional data, which can and should be approved and refined in the course of time, especially alongside the preparation of catalogue volumes of specific codex types. At the moment such a catalogue volume of Tetraevangelion and Evangelion codices is under construction and is scheduled to be published this year.
- Website visitors are invited to consider CBM's Website publication of the Short Catalogue(s) as a forerunner to the more elaborated and definite Short Catalogues volumes in printed book form.
- The catalogue volumes in book form will provide a more definite picture of particular codex type groups (T and E codd.) and provide serial numberings of all known individual exemplars kept in libraries

worldwide. For reasons of incomplete data in existing catalogues, these codex type codes are not filled in in the website version, except for a short paradigm at the head of the Tables in order to show how the identification will be set up.

- Another distinction is the inclusion of a detailed description of one (or more) manuscript models of the codex type. CBM will add some aspects to the codex descriptions, which are of crucial relevance to understand the liturgical choice of contents, function and structure of the codices.