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FORMATION OF GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE USA: HISTORIOGRAPHY ANALYSIS (1884–1914)

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This article analyses the historiography of the theme of the formation of Greek Catholic Church in the USA. Chronologically investigation includes the initial period of this process – the end of XIXth and the beginning of XXth century. In this stage the process of organization of the first Ukrainian Greek Catholic eparchy in America occurred. There were many obstacles and difficulties in its development on the background of another society, culture and rite. Taking into consideration such circumstances the analytical research of this theme is actual and important until now. In American historiography this topic was outlined very superficially. Only in the last decades of the XXth – beginning of the XXIth century special analytical researches, particularly of Ukrainian historians, appeared. This paper contains the analysis of existent literature, the division into historiography periods and main topics, outlined in these studies. This research proposes the actual little investigated directions of the theme.

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The problem setting. The historiography of formation of Greek Catholic Church in the United States has undergone several periods of development both in Ukrainian and in foreign historiography. The first works about Ukrainian emigration in the United States appeared at the beginning of the twentieth century. There were some short essays about the religious life of settlers. Authors began to prepare the specific monographs in this theme starting from the second half of the twentieth century. At the same time rare synthetic studies appeared at the turn of the

twentieth and twenty-first centuries. They reflect certain aspects of the Church organization. Taking into consideration this situation, the historiography of Greek Catholic Church formation in the United States should be analyzed according to the next scheme: 1) general researches which superficially outline the aspect of Church formation (studies in the history of Ukrainian emigration, the history of Ukrainian Church, the history of the USA and American Catholicism); 2) analytical and synthetic works relating to certain aspects of this problem; 3) historical-canonical investigations.

The objective of this paper is to check the existent researches about formation of Greek Catholic Church in the USA in different historical periods until now and to define future prospectives for investigation in analytical context.

The results of the study. Chronologically the first general studies in the history of Ukrainian emigration in the United States are works of Yulian Bachynskyi, Orest Kyrylenko, Myroslav Sichynskyi, Oleksiy Prystay, Luka Myshuha [2; 7; 17; 13]. In general, these authors referred more to the lives of migrants, the need to preserve their national and religious heritage. The issue of church development is highlighted in these works in largely publicistic style. They have a very general factual basis, but contain the interesting authors reflections about importance of the Church as an integrative factor in the emigrants life.

The first scientific monography in this aspect is the work of Vasyl Halych about Ukrainians in the United States of America, which has not lost its actuality till now [30]. The author analyzed the church aspect according to the following criteria: the origins of Christianity in Ukraine, the current state of Ukrainian church, the difficulties of religious identification of Ukrainian emigrants in the USA (in general Americans identified them as Uniates or Greeks, contrary to the official name and significantly distorting historical truth), obstacles to organizational forming of Greek Catholic Church in the USA, the «period of church forming», the work of the first missionaries, the church administration, the arrival of Bishop Soter Ortynsky, the future prospects of Ukrainians in America, the periodicals, organizations, parochial schools and so on. The author takes to the Church the role of the social and public center of Ukrainian emigration in the United States [30, p. 125–126]. However, the chapter about the religious life of Ukrainians has only an informative character. It briefly outlines some problems of church organization life. The period of Bishop S. Ortynsky's work is mentioned very generally.

Distorted interpretations of the church question are in the monographs of Soviet researchers about Ukrainian emigration. These are the works of Arnold Shlepakov, Leon Tolopko, Andriy Strilko [18]. Obviously, the problem of the formation of Greek Catholic Church in the United States is not described in these studies. However, it would be historically unreasonable to avoid completely the role of the church and clergy in the development of Ukrainian diaspora over the ocean. Therefore, in the style of the Soviet historiography, the church theme was illuminated in distorted style. Consequently, these monographs contain incorrect interpretations regarding church issues.

Schematic essays about the history of Greek Catholic Church formation were included in diaspora publications about Ukrainians in different states of the USA. In particular, information about emigrants in Ohio during the period from 1885 to 1976 is included into the work of D. Kulchytskyi. The activities of Ukrainian communities in Detroit, Michigan, Chicago and Illinois are researched in jubilee publications issued on the celebration occasion of the Millennium of the Baptism in Kyivan Rus (1988) [19, 20].

A brief factual account about main stages of the Church formation is in the monograph by Myron

Kuropas, dedicated to Ukrainians in America [37]. He also published a number of popular scientific reviews about religious life of Ukrainian emigrants in the United States in the magazine «The Ukrainian Weekly» [38, 39]. Brief descriptions of the process of formation of Greek Catholic Church in the United States are included into general studies about the history of the Ukrainian Church by the authors Vasyl Lentsyk, Isydor Nahaievskyi, Hryhorii Luzhnytskyi, Sofron Mudryi [10, 15, 12, 14].

The most elaborate themes of the general studies of American historiography in the aforementioned plane are the history of Roman Catholicism, between the Church and Vatican relations, and the impact of the emigration on the USA national-religious diversity. Among them there is a monograph by Gerald Shaughnessy, Andrew Greeley, Robert Leckie [56, 29, 40]. However, Greek Catholics are seldom mentioned in these works very. The best way, very little information is provided that has more questions than answers and does not show the authenticity of the Greek Catholic rite. The common feature of these works is the lack of a well-defined terminology of national-religious identification of Greek Catholics, which indicates a certain lack of awareness of American society on this topic. More attention to the church life of the Greek Catholics is paid in the analytical and encyclopaedic literature of the last thirty years. The definitions of the national-religious identity of the Greek Catholic emigrants, short factual schemes of church formation are already clearer in such works [58, 26]. However, they have only informative character. The positive effect of these works is that the Greek Catholics are considered in common context with other emigration groups in the United States and their presence in American society is considered positively. The majority of American researchers are lately paying their attention to the factor of presence of Eastern Catholics and the relationship between the representatives of two rites in the USA. Researches by D. Saato and E. Barkan are thorough in this aspect. The first monograph includes interesting synthetic conclusions about the integration of Eastern Rite emigrants in the USA in a chronological retrospective.

In the background of these works, researches of Gerald Fogarty are particularly important. He specializes in the history of American Catholicism and the Vatican's relations with the American hierarchy [27, 28]. In his studies, he paid particular attention to the presence of Eastern Rite Catholics in the United States. This aspect was studied by the author on the background of the contemporary problems of the American Roman Catholic hierarchy and their attitude to the Greek Catholics. G. Fogarty analyzed the congresses of American bishops, the policy of «Americanization», the division into liberal and conservative parties, problems because of conflicts between different nationalities. According to the author's words, the establishment of a separate jurisdiction for the Eastern Catholics took place only after the end of the liberal-conservative discussion within American Roman Catholic Church [28, p. 64]. The question of the relationship between the American hierarchy and the Eastern Catholics in 1890–1907 is described in a detached monograph by D. Fogarty [27].

The first articles about Greek Catholics in the United States were published in American newsletter «Charities», «American Ecclesiastical Review», in the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century. In 1909 the article about the Rusyns Greek Catholics by A. Shipman was published on the pages of the American «Catholic Encyclopedia» [57]. This author, so called as «friend of Ukrainian Greek Catholics in the USA», translated the Liturgy of the Byzantine rite in English [21, p. 20]. The first scientific monographs devoted to the formation of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the USA were prepared by Diaspora researchers Isydor Sokhotskyi and Bohdan Procko. Chronologically, they researched a long period: from the last third of the nineteenth century until the second half of the twentieth century. In particular, B. Procko considered the problem of the Church formation in analytical style and outlined the main tendencies of its development in dissertation work [49]. Later, he published the thorough highly specialized research about period of the organization of church life until the arrival of the bishop (1884–1907) [49], the Ortynsky's work [48] and the role of A. Sheptytsky in the church life of Ukrainian emigration in the USA [47].

The formation of the first Greek-Catholic parishes and the activities of the first Greek-Catholic priest in the United States are considered in the researches of Osypp Kravcheniyk. His study about I. Volyansky provides a solid factual basis [9]. Later publications of the author include the interesting analytical reflections about the formation of Greek Catholic Church in the USA [35, 36].

Participation of the Transcarpathian part of emigration in church life in the USA became the subject of scientific research of Atanasii Pekar, Robert John Hospodar and Paul Robert Magosci. The priest A. Pekar studied the ethnic origin, national consciousness, the situation and history of Transcarpathian Greek Catholics, their relations with the Galician part of emigration, the policy of the Hungarian government and the reasons for the later separation between the settlers in the USA. The author focuses on external obstacles that have complicated the organization of the church – political and ideological influences, especially from the side of Hungarian authority [45]. Interesting ideas of the researcher are described in his publications about the role of A. Sheptytsky in the life of emigration in the USA [44, 16].

A number of thorough articles was published in the collection of the four-day symposium «Ukrainian Experience in the USA» (1976) [59]. The conference came into notice American and international media, including «Boston Globe», «Christian Science Monitor», «Voice of America» etc. The main issues of the symposium concerned the church organization of Ukrainian emigration. Largely the researchers have focused on the topic of national-religious identification of emigrants. Among them there is an analytical article by Vasyl Markus about the religious experience of Ukrainians in the United States [41].

The biography and writings about work of the first Greek Catholic bishop in the USA, S. Ortynsky, were reviewed by V. Vavryk, M. Baranetsky, H. Luzhnytsky in their studies [3, 11]. However, these

works are written in a biographical and publicistic style and do not include a comprehensive analysis.

The problem of the canonical status of Greek Catholic Church in the USA was considered by Sofron. Mudryi, Walter Paska, and Viktor Pospishil. The first author characterized the inter-religious difficulties of the Greek Catholics in the diaspora and the dynamics of the solution of their church-legal status. The source of the research was materials of the Vatican Archive, what pre-determines a special thoroughness of monograph.

Walter Paska made a significant contribution into the analytical comprehension of the history of the settlement of the canonical position of Greek Catholic Church in the USA. He highlighted the causes and circumstances, the religious heritage of Ukrainian emigration, the main stages of church construction. The researcher paid particular attention to S. Ortynsky's work and to the analysis of the Vatican curia decisions towards the American Greek Catholics. V. Paska worked up the little-known archival materials of the Philadelphia Archeparchy.

The researches of V. Pospishil about the ecclesiastical right of the Eastern Catholic churches are very important [46]. He highlighted the main canonical principles that influenced the formation of Greek Catholic Church in the USA, considered the main aspects and issues of church building and analyzed the Vatican's policy in this regard.

Some aspects related to theme are reflected in the dissertations by both foreign and Ukrainian scholars. In particular, the problem of the relationship between Catholicism and American society is discussed in the work of Jain Hoffacker [31]. The aspect of the presence of married priests in the Catholic Church was studied by Anthony McLaughlin [42]. Joel Brady investigated the problem of the transition of Greek Catholics to Orthodoxy in the USA [25]. Ukrainian researcher Volodymyr Yushkevych analysed the role of Greek Catholic Church in the social-political life of Ukrainians in the USA and Canada during the period of 1870–1939 [22–24].

The researches of priest Ivan Kashchak occupy an important place in the contemporary historiography of indicated theme [5, 6, 32, 33, 34]. In 2004 he published his monograph «Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky and the establishment of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America» [5]. The author analyzed the main periods of formation of Greek Catholic Church in parallel with the work of the Metropolitan. Chronologically study included the period since 1884 to 1961. The researcher's merit is the processing of the unknown in Ukraine archival materials of the Stamford Seminary, the Rutgers University Library (New Brunswick), the Diocesan Libraries of Winnipeg and Edmonton.

Modern Italian researcher Matteo Sanfilippo plays a significant part in the investigation of the formation of Greek Catholic Church in the USA [51–55]. His researches are based on comparatively new methodological approaches to the study of the issue of religious-national identification of emigration in the United States. The author considers the development of the Ukrainian emigration community comprehensively, paying particular attention to external circumstances that significantly influ-

enced the Church formation. First of all it is the position and decision of the Vatican in the case of Greek Catholics in the USA, the influence of Austro-Hungarian diplomacy as an interested party, the historical situation in the USA, the attitude of the American Roman Catholic hierarchy to the growing emigration movements that caused them certain problems of church-disciplinary nature. M. Sanfilippo compares the development of emigration in the United States and Canada, provides statistics, revises the terminology of national identification, removing outdated labels. In addition, he explores the ethnic composition of Greek Catholics in the United States, emphasizing the presence of Slovaks, Croats, Slovenes, and others among them. The author considers the development of Ukrainian emigration in the comparative historical perspective in analytical style.

The conclusions and perspectives of further research. Despite the presence of a large amount of literature about Ukrainian emigration in the United States, the issue of the formation of Greek Catholic Church in this country remains topical. The majority of studies provides a general factual basis. The existing analytical works outline only certain aspects of the problem. Despite this, the actuality of the theme is constantly growing both in foreign and Ukrainian studies. The indicated topic is like an important precedent in the context of canonical law and needs to be widely studied.

Characteristically, despite the existing research, the role of A. Sheptytsky in the aspect of church organization life of emigration in the USA remains actual. All researchers mostly note the decisive role of the Metropolitan in this plane. General works of a biographical nature usually include general information about his role in the pastoral care over emigrants. More robust information is provided by Augustine Babiak and Kyrylo Korolevsky [1, 8].

It should be emphasized that most of the publications are devoted to the role of A. Sheptytsky in solving the problem issues of the church organization of Ukrainian Canadians. This is due to a wider and more accessible source base. Although, the role of the Metropolitan in the establishment of Greek Catholic Church in the United States, especially in canonical aspect, still requires a thorough and analytical reflection. There are many «white spots» and is a need to expand the source base of the study including the materials of the Vatican archives. In particular, historiography gives a brief information about A. Sheptytsky's visits to Rome in order to resolve disputed issues concerning Greek Catholic Church in the USA, but there is no more detailed information about the course and consequences of these meetings. Thus, a comprehensive analytical study of the formation of Greek Catholic Church in the USA with the new methodology and the complex interdisciplinary approach will be an important future perspective for researches.

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Анотація

У статті подано історіографічний аналіз теми становлення Греко-Католицької Церкви у Сполучених Штатах Америки. Хронологічно дослідження охоплює початковий період формування – кінець XIX – початок XX ст. У цей час відбулося організаційне становлення першої греко-католицької єпархії в Америці. Цей процес супроводжувався багатьма перешкодами та труднощами в умовах іншого суспільства, культури та обряду. З огляду на це аналітичне дослідження зазначеної теми є доволі актуальним. В американській історіографії ця проблематика висвітлена доволі побіжно. Щойно в останніх десятиліттях XX – на початку XXI ст. з'явилися окремі аналітичні праці переважно українських істориків. У статті запропоновано аналіз історіографії, її поділ за періодами та ключовими темами та малодосліджені аспекти теми.

Ключові слова: Греко-Католицька Церква, історіографія, українська еміграція, автор, дослідження.

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Аннотация

В статье представлены историографический анализ темы становления Греко-Католической Церкви в Соединенных Штатах Америки. Хронологически исследование охватывает начальный период формирования – конец XIX – начало XX в. В это время произошло организационное становление первой греко-католической епархии в Америке. Этот процесс сопровождался многими препятствиями и трудностями в условиях другого общества, культуры и обряда. Учитывая это аналитическое исследование данной темы довольно актуальным. В американской историографии эта проблематика освещена довольно бегло. Только в последних десятилетиях XX – начала XXI века. появились отдельные аналитические работы преимущественно украинских историков. В статье предложен анализ историографии, ее разделение по периодам и ключевыми темами и малоизученные аспекты темы.

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