SELECTIVE TEXTUAL EVIDENCE AS A CASE
FOR A SINGLE TRANSLATOR OF ATHANASIUS’
ORATIONS AGAINST THE ARIANS
INTO OLD SLAVONIC*

This study makes a case for a single Slavonic translator of Athanasius’ Orations against the Arians and the Epistle to the Bishops of Egypt and Libya (treated as the fourth Oration in the Old Slavonic corpus). For this purpose, it examines eight Greek terms and their Slavonic equivalents that represent the most basic terminology in the vocabulary of the fourth-century trinitarian debates and Athanasius’ Orations. The first part of this study provides a terminological table organized around the thematic rubrics, and it is meant to be exhaustive, covering all four writings. The second part provides an analysis of the selected terms based on the data in the terminological table. It explores the patterns of consistency in the way these terms are used throughout the Orations and offers the arguments for why the Slavonic Orations can be perceived as the work of a single translator.

Keywords: Athanasius of Alexandria, Orations against the Arians, Old Slavonic translation, Constantine of Preslav, Preslav Literary School

1. INTRODUCTION

It has been established that among the numerous writings composed by Athanasius of Alexandria (ca. 296/298 – 2 May 373), nine were translated into Old Slavonic, the language also referred to as the Old Church Slavo-

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Among them, by far the largest and most significant theological work is the *Orations against the Arians*. In the Slavonic corpus, this work consists of Athanasius’ three *Orations against the Arians* CPG 2093 (ca. 339–345; henceforth *CA I, II, III*) and his *Epistle to the Bishops of Egypt and Libya* CPG 2092 (ca. 356, henceforth *CA IV*). The Slavonic translation of these four texts was made by Constantine of Preslav in Eastern Bulgaria in 907, and afterwards transmitted under the title of the *Orations against the Arians* as a single corpus of Athanasian works. Constantine’s translation work was done (originally in the Glagolitic script) fewer than 50 years after the invention of the Slavonic alphabet and as such, was very likely to impact many other similar projects. Today we have 10 Slavonic manuscripts ranging from the 15th to 17th centuries that preserve this work.

While there is a general agreement among scholars that the translation of Athanasius’ *Orations* is the work of Constantine of Preslav, the fact of

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1 LYTUVYNEKO; GRITSEVSAYA 2017. The list of nine Athanasian works translated into Old Slavonic includes the following: three *Orations against the Arians* (CPG 2093); *Epistle to the Bishops of Egypt and Lybia* (CPG 2092), known as the Fourth Oration in the Old Slavonic corpus; *Life of Antony* (CPG 2101); *Epistle to Amun* (CPG 2106); »Bible canon« from the 39th *Festal Epistle* (CPG 2102); *Epistle to Rufinianus* (CPG 2107); and *Epistle to Marcellinus on the Interpretation of the Psalms* (CPG 2097).

2 As in the case with the Old Slavonic Athanasiana, the *Epistle to the Bishops of Egypt and Libya* (henceforth as *Ep. ad Episc.*) sometimes appears with the title of the fourth Oration in several Greek manuscripts. This *Oration (= Ep. ad Episc.*) should not be confused with the disputed fourth *Oration* in PG 25.537–538 and in STEGMANN 1917. In some other Greek manuscripts, the disputed fourth Oration is called the fifth Oration. For the most comprehensive analysis of this text, see VINZENT 1996.

3 Most notably, Gregory of Nazianzus (selection of 16 *Orations*), Basil of Caesarea (*Homilies on the Six Days of Creation*), Cyril of Jerusalem (*Catechetical Lectures, Mystagogic Catechesis*), John Chrysostom (numerous *Homilies*), Cyril of Alexandria (various commentaries), and John of Damascus (*Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*). On this, see TACHIAOS 2001: 136–139.

4 On the manuscript tradition and translation of the *Orations*, see LYTUVYNEKO (forthcoming). In addition to the four *Orations*, the Old Slavonic corpus includes a pseudo-Athanasian text *Epistle on the Celebration of Easter*, published by PENKOVA 2008. This writing is a translation of the *Homily on Easter VII* (CPG 4612) attributed to John Chrysostom and edited by FLOERI; NAUTIN 1957: 111–173.

5 On the person and work of Constantine of Preslav, see e.g. ZYKOV 1978: 34–77. For an updated list of his works with references to the major studies, see TICHOVA 2012: XI, n. 3. The fact that Athanasius’ *Orations* were translated by Constantine is indicated in the Old Bulgarian colophon copied in most of our 10 manuscripts, e.g. in St. Petersburg, RNB, Sobranie Pogodina 968, f. 208v: «спи книги благочестивыя нариченья Деяния Божественныя книга нашего Блъгарска, написана еймъюя прислугъ Иа писа въ словъничъ словъ тѣмъ ї прислугъ, имене Евангелъ къ науч подаръ и слѣдъ, имене Иа Свѧтихъ христовыхъ словъ тѣмь выписанъ нами на Блъгарска.»
a single translator requires more nuanced evidence after the appearance of P. Penkova’s recent publication (PENKOVA 2016.a: 29–37). Based on her analysis of CA II and CA III, she suggests that the former underwent a later editorial redaction (in the mid-10th century) toward a more literal form of the text. More specifically, she contends that while the textual variants in CA II correspond to the so-called x-group of Greek manuscripts, the variants in CA III fit a mixed x- and RSP tradition. Penkova also argues that after being subjected to the editorial modification, the Slavonic text of CA II lost some of the most characteristic traits of Constantinian translation – one of them being a free rendering of Greek words instead of following a strict verbatim translation. The question it raises is on what basis can we know that Constantine was the sole translator of all four writings if a significant part of the Slavonic corpus fails to support it?

In this context, I will make a case for a single translator of Athanasius’ Orations based on the textual evidence of eight specific terms/word groups. In Greek, they include: (1) οὐσία; (2) φύσις; (3) ὑπόστασις; (4) ὁμοιοτής, ὁμοιότης, ὁμοίωμα; (5) ἴσος, ἴσον, ἴσις, ἰσισίωσις; (6) μόνος; (7) ἴδιότης, ἴδιωμα; (8) εἶναι. The reason for choosing this terminology is twofold. First, these terms are significant because they form the most basic part of the theological vocabulary in the fourth century debates about God. In his Orations, Athanasius uses them against his Arian opponents to argue that Christ is ontologically equal to God the Father while at the same time being distinct from him as the
second person of the Trinity who assumed flesh in the incarnation. Second, for all of these terms, Constantine finds two or more Slavonic equivalents, which is (now firmly established) one of the sure signs of the Preslav principles of translation.\(^6\) Here I suggest that by tracing the consistency with which these specific terms occur throughout the *Orations*, we can more clearly discern the hand of a single translator.

In light of these considerations, I will divide my study into two parts. The first one will offer a terminological table with the aforementioned eight Greek words and their Slavonic equivalents. This table is meant to be exhaustive and to serve such a function best it covers all four *Orations*, including the *Epistle to the Bishops of Egypt and Libya*, which I will call the fourth *Oration* after its Slavonic title. It will provide the raw material which will become the subject of analysis in the second part of this article. Before I introduce that analysis, I would like to spend a few moments explaining which editions I use and how exactly my terminological table is built.

For the Greek terms in the *Orations*, I will use three editions in the German series of Athanasius Werke (METZLER; SAVVIDIS 1996; METZLER; SAVVIDIS 1998; METZLER; SAVVIDIS 2000). For the Old Slavonic equivalents, I will use a French edition of *CA I* (VAILLANT 1954),\(^7\) two recent Bulgarian editions of *CA II* and *CA III* (PENKOVA 2015; PENKOVA 2016. a.),\(^8\) and for the Slavonic text of *CA IV* (= *Ep. ad Episc.*), which still remains unedited, I will use the best existing manuscript: St. Petersburg, RNB, Sobranie Pogodina 968, the year 1489. For every entry in the terminological table, I first give a reference to where it is found in the Greek edition (indicating chapters and lines), and afterwards, in the square brackets, I provide a corresponding place from the Old Slavonic editions (indicating pages/folios and lines). I do the same for *CA IV* (= *Ep. ad Episc.*) by numbering the leaves

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\(^6\) This principle (along with others) was developed in the so-called Preslav Literary School in Eastern Bulgaria and particularly articulated by its leading representative, John the Exarch in the late 9th – early 10th centuries. On this, see POPOVA 2010: 44–47; MILTENOV 2008: 41–49; THOMSON 1991: 35–58; ANGELOV 1987: 22–25; HANSACK 1981: 15–36. According to Černyševa (ČERNYŠEVA 1994: 62–75), the translation principles of the Preslav Literary School were meant to expand the ones employed by Cyril and Methodius. While the former made use of numerous Slavonic equivalents for one single Greek word, the latter employed only one Slavonic equivalent along with the corresponding loanword (e.g. се́ства and ёпостась for υπόστασις, where the first is the Slavonic translation, and the second is the loanword adopted from Greek).

\(^7\) This edition is based on two manuscripts: St. Petersburg, RNB, Sobranie Pogodina 968, the year 1489; Moscow, GIM, Sinodalnoe sobranie 20, late 1480s – early 1490s.

\(^8\) Both editions are based on two manuscripts: St. Petersburg, RNB, Sobranie Pogodina 968, the year 1489; Moscow, GIM, Sinodalnoe sobranie, Usp. VMČ 994, no later than 1552.
and lines of the manuscript according to the system adopted by Vaillant and Penkova. For practical reasons, I have placed the eight words under the thematic rubrics, and while some of them are quite specific, others are formulated much more generally depending on the particular case in question.

The terminological table will be followed up by the analysis of the Greek terms and their Slavonic equivalents. Wherever appropriate, I will provide a brief note about the theological background and refer the readers to helpful sources for further information. To establish the consistency with which Constantine uses various terms in translating them from Greek, I will make much use of the quantitative data from the tables. Wherever there is an issue in the Old Slavonic manuscripts, I will indicate that as well. For every term in my analysis, I will conclude with a summary statement on why I believe the Slavonic Orations to be the work of a single translator.

### 2. TERMINOLOGICAL TABLE

| ΟΨΙΔΙΑ |  |
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| **ΣΤΡΑΤΗΣ** | **CA I** • Referring to God/divinity: 6.4 [34.5]; 16.8 [72.10]; 16.12 [72.16]; 16.16 [74.3]; 19.6 [84.8] * Referring to the Trinity: 6.17 [34.18]; 17.18 [78.5] * Referring to God the Father: 6.5 [34.6]; 9.3 [44.4]; 9.9 [44.10]; 9.16 [44.20]; 9.32 [46.18]; 14.14 [64.17]; 15.2 [68.2]; 15.25 [70.8]; 16.2 [72.2]; 16.11 [72.14]; 16.15 [74.2]; 16.15 [74.3]; 16.19 [74.6]; 16.26 [74.16]; 17.7 [76.9]; 17.13 [76.16]; 19.23 [86.12]; 19.31 [86.17]; 20.6 [88.6]; 20.9 [88.11]; 22.10 [96.12]; 24.16 [106.1]; 26.17 [112.21]; 29.7 [124.9]; 29.9 [124.11]; 29.22 [126.7]; 29.23 [126.9]; 29.26 [126.12]; 29.28 [126.14]; 35.27 [150.9]; 35.28 [150.9]; 36.19 [154.2]; 36.20 [154.4]; 39.19 [166.2]; 56.18 [234.1]; 58.18 [242.7]; 58.22 [242.11] * Referring to Christ: 6.12 [34.14]; 15.26 [70.9]; 15.27 [70.11]; 38.2 [160.3]; 38.3 [160.4]; 39.18 [166.2]; 41.7 [172.8]; 45.2 [188.2–3]; 57.19 [238.4]; 59.1 [244.1]; 59.5 [244.5]; 60.6 [248.7]; 62.9 [256.9]; 62.13 [256.13]; 64.10 [264.11]; 64.12 [264.14] * Referring to humanity/creation: 20.3 [88.3]; 20.24 [90.11]; 26.26 [114.10]; 63.26 [262.8] CA II • Referring to God/divinity: 26.4 [88a5]; 74.16 [127b18] | **ΣΤΡΑΤΗΣ** | **CA I** • Referring to God the Father: 28.11 [120.13] * Referring to the Trinity: 6.14 [34.17]; 6.16 [34.17] * Referring to Christ: 28.13 [120.14] |
• Referring to God the Father: 2.6 [66a19]; 2.10 [66a27]; 2.15 [66b10]; 2.29 [67a7–8]; 22.12 [84b10]; 31.8 [92a5]; 32.17 [93a19–20]; 32.31 [93b17]; 33.5 [93b26]; 33.21 [94a23–24]; 34.7 [94b14]; 34.14 [94b26]; 38.2 [97b22]; 38.21 [98a26]; 41.3 [100a13]; 42.15 [101b7]; 43.27 [102b16]; 49.21 [107b11]; 56.30 [113b10]; 67.29 [122b6]; 70.16 [124b13–14]

• Referring to Christ: 3.11 [67b5]; 7.14 [71a27]; 9.8 [73a15]; 12.8 [75b23]; 13.11 [76b22–23]; 13.19 [77a12]; 18.1 [80b24]; 22.10 [84b7]; 23.10 [85b5]; 40.9 [99b9]; 40.13 [99b16–17]; 45.1 [103b20–21]; 46.26 [105a19]; 47.25 [106a10]; 49.13 [107a25–26]; 49.15 [107b1–2]; 51.11 [108b25]; 51.13 [108b27]; 56.25 [113b4]; 60.4 [116a26]; 64.10 [119b9]; 64.13 [119b13]; 64.14 [119b16]; 66.4 [120b25]; 67.10 [122b27]; 71.4 [125a2]; 78.24 [131a16]; 79.11 [131b7]; 80.8 [132a22]; 80.24 [132b19, 22]; 82.22 [134a24]

• Referring to humanity/creation: 3.9 [67b1]; 11.12 [75a10]; 17.13 [80b3–4]; 17.16 [80b10–11]; 17.21 [80b20]; 19.30 [82b22]; 27.26 [89a20]; 28.2 [89b7]; 33.7 [94a2]; 33.9 [94a4]; 33.18 [94a20]; 34.2 [94b5]; 34.3 [94b7]; 45.5 [103b27]; 46.1 [104b5]; 46.9 [104b18]; 46.11 [104b21]; 46.16 [105a2]; 46.25 [105a18]; 53.2 [110b1]; 56.1 [112b18–19]; 64.2 [119a23]; 79.25 [132a2]; 81.5 [133a7]

• Referring to the primacy of substance over words: 3.8–9 [67a26]

• Referring to the semantic aspect of nature: 45.6 [104a3]; 46.3 [104b9]

• Referring to nature in the sense of general category: 79.25 [132b24–25]

CA III • Referring to God the Father: 3.11 [135b26]; 3.7 [136b11]; 3.12 [136b20]; 3.17 [136b26–27]; 5.4 [137b16]; 5.5 [137b16]; 6.6 [138b2]; 6.14 [138b16]; 6.21 [138b27]; 8.28 [140b25]; 12.1 [143b13]; 14.25 [146a6]; 15.12 [146b6]; 17.15–16 [148b4–5]; 27.14 [156b27]; 56.2 [178a14]; 62.12 [183b20]; 63.17 [184b17]; 63.20 [184b22]; 65.24 [186b7]; 65.26 [186b11]; 66.8 [187a5]; 66.20 [187a26]

• Referring to Christ: 6.13 [138b15]; 11.2 [142b26]; 16.40 [148a6]; 19.22 [150a27]; 26.5 [155a26]

• Referring to the identical nature between the Father and Son: 66.25 [187b6–7]

• Referring to humanity/creation: 11.10 [143a11]; 67.14 [188a11]
| 2.2. Φύσις                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| СЪЯСИЕ                                                                 |
| CA I • Referring to God/divinity: 5.24 [32.4]; 5.31 [32.12]                |
| • Referring to the Trinity: 17.18 [78.5]                                 |
| • Referring to God the Father: 15.7 [68.8]; 40.4 [168.5]; 58.24 [242.13] |
|   • Referring to Christ: 9.2 [44.3]; 9.22 [46.6]; 14.19 [66.1–2]; 22.20 [96.23]; 27.14 [116.16]; 28.21 [122.2]; 35.5 [148.6]; 35.20 [148.23]; 35.22 [150.2]; 37.10 [156.12]; 51.2 [212.3]; 55.23 [230.3]; 55.36 [230.18]; 62.16 [16] |
|   • Referring to humanity/creation: 14.18 [66.1]; 15.6 [68.7]; 20.5 [88.6]; 26.20 [114.3]; 27.1 [116.2]; 28.1 [120.2]; 28.5 [120.5–6]; 36.18 [154.2]; 37.15 [156.18]; 37.18 [158.3]; 49.10 [204.12]; 50.8 [208.8]; 51.4 [212.4]; 56.12 [232.14]; 56.21 [234.5]; 57.16 [238.1]; 57.18 [238.3]; 58.9 [240.10]; 57.12 [240.13]; 62.2 [256.2] |
|   • Referring to the natural state/condition of things: 26.29 [114.15]; 26.32 [114.18–19]; 27.11 [116.12]; 27.20 [118.5–6]; 55.28 [230.9] |
| • Referring to various substances: 57.6 [256.7]                          |
| СЪЯСИЕ                                                                 |
| CA II • Referring to God/divinity: 28.20 [90a11]                          |
| • Referring to the Father: 2.5 [66a18–19]; 2.10 [66a27]; 2.12 [66b4]; 2.18 [66b15]; 3.6 [67a23]; 73.19 [127a20–21] |

| ЕКТЕСИЕ                                                                  |
| CA I • Referring to the Trinity: 18.3 [80.3]                             |
| • Referring to Christ: 28.11 [120.13]                                    |
| • Referring to humanity/creation: 26.13 [112.17]; 36.14 [152.15]         |

| ΦΑΧΟ ΑΝ ΤΕΛΡΧ                                                        |
| CA I • Referring to the Trinity in terms of ΦΑΧΟ: 6.13 [34.14]          |
| • Referring to Christ’s nature in terms of ΦΑΧΟ: 5.29 [32.9]; 25.25 [110.6]; 148.17 [160.22]; 39.18 [166.2]; 52.9 [216.10]; 52.26 [218.10] |
| • Referring to humanity in terms of ΦΑΧΟ: 37.20 [158.7]                |
| • Referring to humanity as ΤΕΛΡΧ: 7.11 [36.12]                          |
| • Referring to the nature of argumentation as ΦΑΧΟ: 11.9 [52.11]        |

| ЕКТЕСИЕ                                                                  |
| CA II • Referring to God/divinity: 28.23 [81b6]                         |
| • Referring to humanity/creation: 3.15 [67b12–13]                      |

| ΦΑΧΟ ΑΝ ΤΕΛΡΧ                                                        |
| CA II • Referring to God/divinity: 14.4 [77a26]                        |
| • Referring to God the Father: 16.42 [79b26]                          |
| Page | Referring to Christ                             | Referring to God/divinity |
|------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 206  | **CA III** Referring to Christ: 4.11         | **CA III** Referring to God/divinity: 22.18 |
|      | [68a24]; 5.11 [69b9]; 7.15 [71b1]; 9.9 [73a18]; 11.4 [74b24]; 35.5 [96a11]; 37.3 [97a2]; 40.9 [99b9]; 41.16 [100b9]; 49.15 [107b2]; 70.14 [124b10]; 70.16 [124b13]; 71.3 [125a2]; 82.22 [134a23] | 20.26 [151a25] |
|      | • Referring to Christ: 4.11                  | • Referring to God the Father: 23.17 [153a15–16] |
|      | • Referring to humanity/creation: 3.23        | • Referring to God the Father: 23.17 [153a15–16] |
|      | [68a1]; 3.25 [68a4]; 4.2 [68a7]; 4.23 [68b18]; 5.3 [69a20]; 21.23 [84a18]; 24.25 [87a2–3]; 26.2 [88a2]; 26.7 [88a10]; 26.9 [88a15]; 26.14 [88a24]; 29.5 [90b6]; 29.20 [90h27]; 32.21 [93a27]; 33.25 [94b3]; 35.6 [95a23]; 35.9 [95b1]; 35.17 [95b14]; 35.9 [96a17]; 50.28 [108b5]; 58.21 [115a9]; 70.14 [124b11]; 77.4 [129b26]; 77.19 [130a20] | 15.10–11 [150a5–6] |
|      | • Referring to the contrast between the divine and human generations: 60.2 [116a22] | • Referring to humanity: 14.16 [145b19]; 18.25 [149b10]; 19.14 [150a12]; 20.9 [150b25]; 23.17 [153a16–17] |
|      | • Referring to the identical nature between the Father and Son: 4.5 [137a8]; 20.8 [150b24]; 20.15 [151a9]; 20.22 [151a19]; 21.13 [151b21]; 22.1 [152a12]; 25.11 [154b20]; 62.26 [184a15]; 63.13 [184b10]; 66.16 [187a18–19]; 66.24 [187b6]; 67.2 [187b18] | • Referring to the identical nature between the Father and Son: 4.5 [137a8]; 20.8 [150b24]; 20.15 [151a9]; 20.22 [151a19]; 21.13 [151b21]; 22.1 [152a12]; 25.11 [154b20]; 62.26 [184a15]; 63.13 [184b10]; 66.16 [187a18–19]; 66.24 [187b6]; 67.2 [187b18] |
|      | • Referring to Christ: 4.3                    | • Referring to Christ: 12.2 [143b13] |
|      | [68a9]; 4.12 [68a27]; 14.21–22 [77b25, 27]; 14.27 [78a8]; 14.34 [78a18]; 20.2 [82b25]; 24.3 [86a20]; 43.29 [102b18]; 47.3 [105b5]; 47.23 [106a7]; 50.27 [108b3]; 51.5 [108b14]; 59.16 [115b16]; 60.4 [116a26]; 61.4 [117a14–15]; 61.9 [117a22]; 65.1 [120a12]; 70.9 [124b3]; 70.12 [124b8]; 70.18 [124b17]; 70.20 [124b20]; 71.12 [125a16]; 72.4 [126b23] | 12.2 [143b13] |
|      | • Referring to humanity/creation: 3.23        | • Referring to humanity/creation: 3.23 |
|      | [68a1]; 3.25 [68a4]; 4.2 [68a7]; 4.23 [68b18]; 5.3 [69a20]; 21.23 [84a18]; 24.25 [87a2–3]; 26.2 [88a2]; 26.7 [88a10]; 26.9 [88a15]; 26.14 [88a24]; 29.5 [90b6]; 29.20 [90h27]; 32.21 [93a27]; 33.25 [94b3]; 35.6 [95a23]; 35.9 [95b1]; 35.17 [95b14]; 35.9 [96a17]; 50.28 [108b5]; 58.21 [115a9]; 70.14 [124b11]; 77.4 [129b26]; 77.19 [130a20] | 3.23 |
|      | • Referring to that which is inherent versus that which is not: 59.8 [115b2] | • Referring to the contrast between the divine and human generations: 60.2 [116a22] |
|      | • Referring to the primacy of substance over words: 3.7 [67a23–24] | • Referring to the identical nature between the Father and Son: 4.5 [137a8]; 20.8 [150b24]; 20.15 [151a9]; 20.22 [151a19]; 21.13 [151b21]; 22.1 [152a12]; 25.11 [154b20]; 62.26 [184a15]; 63.13 [184b10]; 66.16 [187a18–19]; 66.24 [187b6]; 67.2 [187b18] |
**Referring to Christ:** 9.18 [141b1–2]; 10.29 [142b18]; 17.23 [148b16]; 19.22 [150a26–27]; 20.12 [151a5]; 24.5 [153b17]; 26.5 [155a25]; 26.11–12 [155b10–12]; 26.19 [155b25]; 27.18 [157a6]; 28.18 [157b24]; 32.23 [161a7–8]; 34.1 [162a5]; 34.14 [162a25–26]; 34.14 [162a25]; 34.15 [162b1]; 34.18 [162b5]; 55.1 [177b1]; 61.10 [182b22–23]; 63.20 [184b21]; 65.31 [186b18–19]; 66.1 [186b21]

**Referring to humanity/creation:** 14.4 [145b1–2]; 18.7 [149a7]; 20.14 [151a7]; 33.11 [161b1]; 34.23 [162b15]; 34.25 [162b18–19]; 34.27 [162b22]; 34.30 [162b27]; 43.6 [168b25]; 53.17 [176b7]; 53.20 [176b11–12]; 57.32 [180a7]; 58.3 [180a15–16]; 60.10 [182a8]; 62.11 [183b18]; 62.22 [184a9–10]; 67.13–14 [188a10]; 67.17 [188a17]; 67.20 [188a22]

**Referring to the common nature and names:** 18.5 [149a3]

**Referring to the nature(s) of pagan gods:** 16.18 [147a25]; 16.21 [147b4]

**Referring to the angels:** 12.12 [144a3]

**Referring to natural things or conditions:** 18.17 [149a23]; 20.23 [151a21]; 23.15 [153a13]; 57.28 [179b26]; 62.10 [183b16]; 62.15–16 [183b24, 26]; 66.27 [187b10]; 66.28 [187b11–12]

**Referring to the nature of what is being said:** 41.8 [167b17]

**CA IV** • Referring to God the Father: 12.15 [198a23]; 16.19 [201b27]

**Referring to the identical nature between the Father and Son:** 12.28 [198b18]

**Referring to natural things and conditions:** 13.27 [199b20]
### 2.3. Υπόστασις

| Составъ | CA I • Referring to Christ as the exact representation of the Father’s being: 9.8 [44.9]; 12.22 [56.23]; 20.12 [88.14]; 20.17 [90.2] |
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|          | CA II • Referring to Christ as the exact representation of the Father’s being: составъ – 32.18 [93a22] |
|          | CA III • Referring to Christ as the exact representation of the Father’s being: составъ – 1.18 [135a4]; 65.27 [186b11] |
|          | CA IV • Referring to Christ as the exact representation of the Father’s being: 13.23 [199b13] |

| Υποστασσε | CA II • Referring to Christ as the exact representation of the Father’s being: Υποστασσε – 32.10 [93a8]; 33.11 [94a7]; 33.12 [94a10]; 33.14 [94a12] |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          | CA III • Referring to Christ as the exact representation of the Father’s being: Υποστασσε – 65.26 [186b9–10]; 65.27 [186b12]; 65.28 [186b13–14] |

#### 2.4. Όμοιος, ὁμοιότης / (ὁμοίωμα, ὁμοίωσις)

| Омос, ομοιοτис / (ομοιωμα) translated as // Съозвождъ/съознвне | CA I • Referring to the (un)likeness between the persons of the Trinity: 6.16 [34.18]; 17.20 [78.7] |
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| • Referring to the likeness between the Father and Son: 9.32 [46.18]; 21.7 [92.8]; 21.12 [92.15]; 26.26 [114.11]; 35.23 [150.3]; 38.2 [160.2]; 39.20 [166.3]; 40.19 [170.4]; 44.4 [184.5]; 52.3 [216.4] |
| • Referring to the likeness between the begetter and the begotten: 21.15 [92.18] |
| • Referring to the likeness between Christ’s assumed flesh and the nature of human beings: 40.7 [168.9]; 60.11 [248.12] |
| • Referring to the (un)likeness between ὁ ὄν/Christ and that which is ὥσια ὄρνια/humanity: 21.10 [92.11]; 38.4 [160.4]; 57.19 [238.4] |
| • Referring to the likeness between the many powers and Christ: 5.27 [32.8] |
| • Referring to the (un)likeness between God/Christ and humanity/creation: 2.14 [24.1]; 22.25 [98.5]; 31.17 [134.6]; 35.16 [148.18]; 57.2 [236.3]; 59.4 [244.5] |
| • Referring to opposing Christological affirmations: 62.18 [256.19] |

| Τεχνη/Τεχνъстико | CA I • Referring to the (un)likeness between the Creator/Son and the created: 20.3 [88.3]; 29.4 [124.4–5] |
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| • Referring to the similarity between two questions: 25.3 [108.3] |
| • Referring to the unlikeness between the eternal/spiritual and temporal/corporeal: 55.30 [230.10] |
| • Referring to semantic likeness: 33.5 [140.6] |
| • Referring to the similarity between two Christological statements: 47.32 [198.11] |
| • Referring to the likeness between a heresy and the true faith: 2.1 [22.12] |
**Ὅμοιος, ὁμοιότης / ὁμοίωσις** translated as **подобєнъ/подобиє**

**CA II** • Referring to the likeness between the Father and Son: 17.7 [80a21]; 18.12 [81a13]; 22.10 [84b7]; 42.15 [101b7]; 49.16 [107b3–4]; 82.7 [133b27–134a1]
  - Referring to the likeness between Christ's assumed flesh and the nature of human beings: 9.9 [73a19]; 10.30 [74b16]; 52.11 [109b24]; 55.11 [112a8]; 61.12 [117a27]; 61.14 [117b2]; 63.13 [118b22]; 70.7 [124.27]; 74.18 [127b21]; 75.32 [128a17]
  - Referring to the (un)likeness between God/Christ and humanity/creation: 6.26 [70b25]; 49.19 [107b7]; 64.4 [119a26]; 64.6 [119b2]
  - Referring to the similarity between several Christological affirmations: 11.27 [75b10]; 13.21 [77a14]; 17.3 [80a15–16]; 17.18 [80b15–16]
  - Referring to analogy: 79.26 [132a4]
  - Referring to the likeness between several actions: 27.3 [88b9]
  - Referring to similarities between the Old Testament prophecy and their fulfillment in Christ: 51.28 [109b1–2]

**подобєнъ, подобие, or подобиєство**

**CA III** • Referring to the (un)likeness between the Father and Son: 34.9 [94b25]
  - Referring to the likeness between several beings: 27.3 [88b9]; 67.22 [122a20]
  - Referring to the likeness between Christ's assumed flesh and the nature of human beings: 74.1 [127b11]
  - Referring to the likeness between the vine and its branches: 74.17 [127b17]
  - Referring to the likeness between several people: 27.5 [88b14]

| **Παλійські помірки** | **Παλійські помірки** |
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| **CA II** • Referring to the unlikeness between the Father and Son: 34.9 [94b25] |
| • Referring to the unlikeness between several beings: 27.3 [88b9]; 74.13 [127b13] |
| • Referring to the similarity between several Christological statements: 31.13 [160a]; 66.21 [187b1] |

| **Παλійські помірки** | **Παλійські помірки** |
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• Referring to the similarity between several Christological affirmations: 26.15 [155b17–18]; 31.13 [160a]; 36.7 [164a3]; 36.15 [164a16]; 56.2 [178a15]; 65.21 [186b2]
• Referring to the (un)likeness between God the Father and human beings: 10.19–20 [142b1, 3]; 10.28 [142b16]
• Referring to the natural relatedness of things that are alike: 20.10 [151a1–2]
• Referring to the way the king’s image resembles his actual appearance: 5.16 [138a7]; 5.18 [138a11]
• Referring to the way Paul’s teaching is like that of the Savior, while his essence is not: 11.10 [143a11]; 11.10 [143a11–12]
• Referring to the way ἀληθής can be interpreted as similar: 23.7 [152b27]
• Referring to the likeness between parents and their children: 67.14 [188a11]; 67.17 [188a15–16]

CA IV • Referring to one becoming like God: 2.15 [190a17]
• Referring to the way Arians have similar beliefs about Christ as demons: 14.7 [200a14]
• Referring to the likeness between the Father and Son: 17.11 [202b21]; 17.13 [202b24]

2.5. ἴσος, ἴσον / (ἐξίσωσις, ἰσότης)

CA I • Referring to the Son’s equality with the Father: 40.6 [168.8]; 16.3 [72.4]
• Referring to the Son’s equality with the Holy Spirit: 50.16 [208.18]
• Referring to the equality between two Christological statements: 17.5 [76.6]; 19.9 [84.11]; 44.21 [186.1]

CA II • Referring to the equality between two Christological statements: 47.4 [105b7]

CA I • Referring to the Son’s equality with the Father in terms of ἴσος – 35.27 [150.8]; 41.8 [172.9]; 47.33 [198.13]; 61.22 [254.4]
• Referring to the equality between the Uncreated and created in terms of ἰσότης: 31.19 [134.9]
• Referring to the correspondence between two Christological affirmations in terms of ἰσότης – 15.26 [70.10]; 56.9 [232.9]

CA II • Referring to the Son’s equality with the Father: ἴσος – 12.2 [76a19]; ἰσότης – 27.22 [89a13–14]
• Referring to the correspondence between two Christological affirmations: 57.8 [113b24]; 71.8 [125a11]; 74.30 [128a13]; 82.14 [134a12]
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**CA III** • Referring to the equality between humans and Christ (равень тъчень): 17.22 [148b13]
- Referring to the equality between two Christological statements (тъчень): 31.11 [159b22]

**CA III** • Referring to the Son’s equality with the Father: 6.2–3 [138a24–25]; 27.16–17 [157a3, 5]; 29.12 [158b16]; 51.10 [174b11]
- Referring to the equality between the gift and the Giver: 17.21 [148b13]
- Referring to the equality between two Christological affirmations: 21.15 [151b25]; 27.22 [157a12]
- Referring to καθώς as not implying equality: 22.19 [152b16]; 23.6 [152b26]
- Referring to the inequality between Christ/God and people: 24.23 [154a18]; 25.24 [155a15]
- Referring to one becoming like angels: 51.17 [174b24]

**CA I** • Referring to the Father/divinity: 5.11 [30.10]; 5.15 [30.15]; 23.17 [102.5]; 26.6 [112.7]; 31.11 [132.12]; 43.5 [180.5]
- Referring to Christ: 9.4 [44.5]; 9.20 [46.3]; 10.28 [50.15]; 31.20 [134.10]; 35.10 [148.12]; 39.17 [164.19]; 44.12 [184.14]; 46.11 [192.14]; 56.18 [234.1]; 59.22 [244.24]
- Referring to Israel: 43.3 [180.3]
- Referring to the idea of exclusiveness or limitation: 20.8 [88.10]

**CA II** • Referring to the Father or God/divinity: 10.5 [74a2]; 23.17 [85b17]; 24.17 [86b16]; 24.18 [86b19]; 24.21 [86b25]; 24.26 [87a5–6]; 26.15 [88a25–26]; 27.8 [88b19]; 29.4 [90b4]; 29.6 [90b7]; 29.7 [90b8]; 30.17 [91b2]; 31.4 [91b27]; 35.5 [96a11]; 39.24 [99a17]
- Referring to Christ: 20.17 [83a27]; 22.14–15 [84b14–15]; 22.21 [84b24–25]; 22.23 [85a2]; 23.6 [85a26]; 23.10 [85b5]; 24.11 [86b6]; 24.18 [86b19]; 25.4 [87a15]; 25.8 [87a21]; 26.3 [88a3]; 30.17 [91b2]; 39.5 [98b10]; 39.11 [98b20]; 39.13 [98b24]; 41.3 [100a13]; 48.17 [106b15]; 49.17 [107b4]; 64.21 [120a1]; 81.27 [133b16]
- Referring to individual people or created realities: 27.15 [89a3]; 27.27 [89a22]; 28.1 [89b6]; 99.20 [99a9]; 48.4 [106a20]; 48.25 [107a2]
- Referring to the idea of exclusiveness or limitation: 21.22 [84a18]; 17.8 [80a24]; 38.1 [97b18]; 64.5 [119b1]

### 2.6. Μόνος

| Единъ | Referring to the Father/divinity: 5.11 [30.10]; 5.15 [30.15]; 23.17 [102.5]; 26.6 [112.7]; 31.11 [132.12]; 43.5 [180.5] |
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|        | Referring to Christ: 9.4 [44.5]; 9.20 [46.3]; 10.28 [50.15]; 31.20 [134.10]; 35.10 [148.12]; 39.17 [164.19]; 44.12 [184.14]; 46.11 [192.14]; 56.18 [234.1]; 59.22 [244.24] |
|        | Referring to Israel: 43.3 [180.3] |
|        | Referring to the idea of exclusiveness or limitation: 20.8 [88.10] |

| Единъ | Referring to the Father or God/divinity: 10.5 [74a2]; 23.17 [85b17]; 24.17 [86b16]; 24.18 [86b19]; 24.21 [86b25]; 24.26 [87a5–6]; 26.15 [88a25–26]; 27.8 [88b19]; 29.4 [90b4]; 29.6 [90b7]; 29.7 [90b8]; 30.17 [91b2]; 31.4 [91b27]; 35.5 [96a11]; 39.24 [99a17] |
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|        | Referring to Christ: 20.17 [83a27]; 22.14–15 [84b14–15]; 22.21 [84b24–25]; 22.23 [85a2]; 23.6 [85a26]; 23.10 [85b5]; 24.11 [86b6]; 24.18 [86b19]; 25.4 [87a15]; 25.8 [87a21]; 26.3 [88a3]; 30.17 [91b2]; 39.5 [98b10]; 39.11 [98b20]; 39.13 [98b24]; 41.3 [100a13]; 48.17 [106b15]; 49.17 [107b4]; 64.21 [120a1]; 81.27 [133b16] |
|        | Referring to individual people or created realities: 27.15 [89a3]; 27.27 [89a22]; 28.1 [89b6]; 99.20 [99a9]; 48.4 [106a20]; 48.25 [107a2] |
|        | Referring to the idea of exclusiveness or limitation: 21.22 [84a18]; 17.8 [80a24]; 38.1 [97b18]; 64.5 [119b1] |
єдинъ

**CA III** • Referring to the Father or God/divinity: 6.25 [139a8]; 6.27 [139a12]; 8.3 [140a11]; 8.11 [140a22]; 9.1 [140b27]; 9.10–11 [141a16]; 9.13 [141a20]; 14.4 [145b1]; 15.9 [146a27]; 21.4 [151b5]; 38.9 [165b15]; 52.6 [175a25]; 66.14 [187a14]

- Referring to Christ: 2.20 [135b24]; 10.18 [142a26]; 10.19 [142b1]; 10.29 [142b18]; 13.15 [145a7]; 16.26 [147b10]; 18.10 [149a12]; 21.3–4 [151b5–6]; 35.20 [163b12]; 36.13 [164a13]; 37.22 [165a26]; 52.5 [175a22–23]; 52.6 [175a24]; 66.14 [187a14]

- Referring to humanity/created realities: 8.7 [140a18]; 23.5 [152b24]; 33.18 [161b13]; 38.16 [166a1]

- Referring to the idea of exclusiveness or limitation: 9.23 [141b10]; 17.2 [148b25]; 22.18 [152b14]; 36.4 [163b26]

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**CA IV** • Referring to God the Father: 12.23 [198b11]

- Referring to Christ: 14.8 [200a15–16]; 14.11 [200a20]; 16.6 [201b5]

- Referring to the idea of exclusiveness or limitation: 17.26 [203a19]

єдинъ

**CA III** • Referring to the Father or God/divinity as єдинъ: 6.28–29 [139a14–15]; 6.30 [139a17]; 7.3 [139a26]; 8.28 [140b26]; 9.11 [141a17]; 9.13 [141a21]; 9.15 [141a23–24]; цѣлъ – 7.2 [139a24]

- Referring to Christ: єдинъ – 6.29 [139a15]; 9.12 [141a17]; 9.17 [141a26]; 17.3 [148b27]

| Ιδιότης / (ἰδίωμα) | Ιдіότης / (ἰδίωμα) | Ιδіότης / (ἰδίωμα) |
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| **CA I** • Referring to the Son’s relation to the Father: 29.9 [124.11]; 42.3 [176.4]; 58.26 [242.15] | **CA I** • Referring to the Son’s relation to the Father: 6.5 [34.6] | **CA II** • Referring to the Son’s relation to the Father in terms of Ιδιότης / (ἰδίωμα): 62.8 [118a2] |
| **CA I** • Referring to the Son’s relation to the Father as Ιδιότης / (ἰδίωμα): 4.6 [68a15]; 27.22 [89a14] | **CA II** • Referring to the Son’s relation to the Father: 62.8 [118a2] | **CA II** • Referring to the Son’s relation to the Father in terms of Ιδιότης / (ἰδίωμα): 62.1 [118a20] |
| **CA I** • Referring to the Son’s relation to the Father as Ιδιότης / (ἰδίωμα): 4.9 [137a14]; 5.23 [138a9]; 6.10 [138b10]; 11.8–9 [143a8–9]; 16.39 [148a5]; 36.18 [164a22]; 66.25 [187b7] | **CA I** • Referring to the Son’s relation to his assumed body: 54.2 [176b14] | **CA II** • Referring to the Son’s relation to the Father in terms of Ιδιότης / (ἰδίωμα): 62.1 [118a20] |

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CA I • Referring to Christ: 63.7 [260.8]

CA II • Referring to Christ: 52.24 [110a18]; 53.2 [110a27]; 53.8 [110b10]; 53.11 [110b14]; 57.8 [113b22]; 57.20–21 [114a17–18]; 57.26 [114a26]; 74.28 [128a10–11];

• Referring to humanity/creation: 57.24 [114a23]; 57.25 [114a25]

CA III • Referring to humanity: 33.17 [161b11]

CA IV • Referring to Christ: 12.6 [198a10]; 12.34 [199a2]; 16.29 [202a19]

3. ANALYSIS

3.1. Οὐσία

The word οὐσία (trans. as ‘being’, ‘substance’) has a long history before it was appropriated by Athanasius for the description of God in the trinitarian debates.\(^9\) At the time he was composing his first three Orations in 339–345, οὐσία was used as a synonym for φύσις and ύπόστασις, and all three words could refer either to a single person of the Trinity, or to the common nature of the Godhead.\(^10\) This is exactly the kind of ambiguity we find in the Orations, and it is not until after 362 that a deliberate distinction began to be made between οὐσία and φύσις as a way of expressing the common on the one hand, and ύπόστασις as a way of depicting the individual on the other.\(^11\)

Constantine uses two Slavonic words to translate the word οὐσία: єστεєство and сѫтьство. Of these two, he clearly prefers єστεєство over сѫтьство in CA I and CA III (65 over 4 in CA I; 31 over 2 in CA III), and he never uses сѫтьство in CA II and CA IV. In most cases where he translates οὐσία as єστεєство, he does so to describe God rather than humanity (61 over 4 in CA I; 29 over 2 in

\(^9\) On the history of οὐσία, as well as φύσις and ύπόστασις considered in this section, see STEAD 1977 and ZIZIOULAS 1997: 27–67. For a more specific discussion that concerns Athanasius, see ZIZIOULAS 1997: 83–89. For a discussion of ontological language in Athanasius’ Orations, see LYTVYNENKO 2014: 204–233. For a discussion of the Slavonic rendering of οὐσία in various texts, including those of the Preslav School, see HRISTOVA-SHOMOVA 2016: 93–107.

\(^10\) BEHR 2004: 158.

\(^11\) GITTON 2006: 375–405.
CA III). In the few instances where he translates ὄσια as естество (4 in CA I; 2 in CA III), this term is used to depict God and is never applied to humanity.

Thus, we have a clear pattern of consistency in the translation choices here. Constantine’s favorite word for ὄσια throughout the entire corpus of Orations is естество, and this makes him either limit the use of another word (єстество) to only a few instances (altogether 6 of them in CA I and CA III), or not use it at all (CA II and CA IV). Moreover, the consistency with which he applies естество primarily to God rather than man is another aspect that adds to the probability of a single translator of the Orations.

3.2. Фύσις

Athanasius uses the word фύσις (trans. as ‘nature’, ‘substance’, ‘being’) as a synonym of ὄσια, and there are four ways in which Constantine renders it in Slavonic: естество, естество, родъ, and тварь. Of these four, the most frequent one is естество, while the other three (with the exception of родъ in CA II) are used very rarely. Thus, фύσις is translated as естество 4 times in CA I, 2 times in CA II, 2 times again in CA III, and never in CA IV. As родъ (trans. as ‘kind’), фύσις is rendered 9 times in CA I, 44 times in CA II, 12 times in CA III, and only 1 time in CA IV. The word тварь (trans. as ‘created kind’) for фύσις occurs once in CA I and nowhere else. In contrast, the word естество is used 46 times in CA I, 48 times in CA II, 73 times in CA III, and 4 times in CA IV.

The translator uses all four words indiscriminately for depicting God and humanity/created state of things. Notably, there is a peculiar balance in the way естество and естество are used to describe God and humanity. Thus, the word естество is applied 2 times to God and 2 times to humanity in CA I, 1 time to God and 1 time to humanity in CA II, and again 1 time to God and 1 time to humanity in CA III. The word естество is applied 20 times to God and 26 times to humanity/created state of things in CA I, 21 times to God and 27 times to man/created state of things in CA II, 41 times to God and 32 times in CA III, 3 times to God and 1 time to humanity in CA IV.

Such a peculiar balance throughout the Orations, along with the consistent preference of естество over the other three words, suggest that there was a single translator of the entire Athanasian corpus. The main challenge here is to explain the striking increase in the number of times the word родъ is used in CA II: 44 instances over 9, 12, and 1 instances in CA I, III, and IV, respectively. If the increase is not the translator’s own choice, there is a possibility that it was introduced by a later editorial redaction argued (on a different ground)
by Penkova. She points out that CA II is the only Oration that does not demonstrate a consistent pattern in the way Constantine chooses to translate οὐσία/φύσις as either εστιεσκια or εστιεσκια depending on whether the object in question is God or humanity. Thus, in her selection of examples, she shows that if the object is God, οὐσία/φύσις are translated as εστίεσκια, whereas if the object is humanity, they are translated as εστιεσκια. In Penkova’s view, the fact that this pattern is observed in CA I and CA III, but not in CA II is a witness to the later editorial redaction of this text.

In contrast to Penkova’s observations, my own analysis has revealed that the complete textual data of the entire corpus of Orations does not support this pattern. In my conclusions, I contend that instead of distinguishing one word for God and one for man, Constantine chooses to translate οὐσία primarily as εστιεσκια, and φύσις primarily as εστιεσκια regardless of the object in question. Since the same translation strategy is consistently applied throughout the Orations, we can discern the work of a single translator here. Interestingly, Constantine’s choice to translate οὐσία primarily as εστιεσκια, and φύσις primarily as εστιεσκια replaces the opposite way of using these words by another representative of the Preslav Literary School – John the Exarch, Constantine’s contemporary and colleague. In translating John of Damascus’ Exposition of the Orthodox Faith (around the year 895), the latter prefers to render οὐσία as εστιεσκια/εσκιμα, and φύσις as εστιεσκια. In both cases, it is the consistency in the translation choices, pre-determined beforehand, that makes a significant textual factor.

3.3. Ὑπόστασις

In most cases where Athanasius uses ὑπόστασις, he either borrows it from Hebrews 1.3, where Christ is described as the exact representation of the Father’s being (χαρακτὴρ τῆς ὑποστάσεως αὐτοῦ), or alludes to that passage. In doing so, Athanasius argues that Christ’s divine nature is equal with that of the Father (and the Holy Spirit). The term ὑπόστασις is used 16 times in the en-

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12 See the introduction where I briefly explain Penkova’s point that of the four Orations, the second one underwent the subsequent redaction towards a strict verbatim translation. For more details, see PENKOVA 2016.a: 35–37.

13 LYTVYNENKO (forthcoming).

14 John the Exarch vacillated between the words εστιεσκια and εσκιμα when translating οὐσία. The later scribes replaced εσκιμα by the then accepted term εστιεσκια and used εσκιμα to translated τὸ ὄν. See THOMSON 1991: 42–44.

15 The argument concerning the divine equality of the Holy Spirit with the Father and Son was articulated by Athanasius some 13 years after the Orations had been completed. Athanasius’ major work on the Holy Spirit is found in his three Epistles to Serapion on the Holy Spirit (CPG 2094), edited by WYRWA 2010.
tire corpus of *Orations*, and Constantine chooses to render it in two ways: *состоять* (which is somewhat misleading because it also renders σύστασις trans. as ‘constitution’, ‘disposition’, ‘setting together’), and *въпосъстъ* (a Slavonic loanword\(^\text{17}\) adopted from ὑπόστασις). While we know that Constantine’s contemporary, John the Exarch, drew a deliberate distinction\(^\text{18}\) between *состоять* and *въпосъстъ* by using the former to describe the non-divine entities, and the latter to depict the persons of the Trinity, we cannot know whether Constantine preferred the same distinction. This is due to the fact that Athanasius uses ὑπόστασις only in the trinitarian context and only to describe the Son. In the one exception where Athanasius applies ὑπόστασις to the Father (CA III.66.7 [187a4]), Constantine translates it as *въпосъстъ*.

Constantine uses both words – *состоять* and *въпосъстъ* – only in CA II and CA III: 1 occurrence of *состоять* and 4 occurrences of *въпосъстъ* in the former, and 2 occurrences of *состоять* and 4 occurrences of *въпосъстъ* in the latter. In CA I, he uses only *состоять* (4 occurrences), and in CA IV, he uses only *въпосъстъ* (1 occurrence). Thus, if we discard CA IV where ὑπόστασις is used only once, we have two cases with *состоять* and *въпосъстъ* in CA II and CA III over one case with *состоять* in CA I, which fits the idea of a single translator better than the idea of several translators.

At the same time, it should be recognized that our manuscripts contain one clear instance of the scribal interaction with this terminology in CA II.32.18. More precisely, the misspelled word *съставна* for *состоять* in the statement that says *кто съмѣєть глаголати, тоуждєго сѫштъ начрътаниа съставна* (*Ἢ τίς τολμᾷ λέγειν ἀλλότριον εἶναι τὸν χαρακτῆρα τῆς ὑποστάσεως*) is corrected in the margins by the word *въпостаси* (the genitive of ἡ ὑπόστασις) in three of the four manuscripts that were copied directly from the lost Old Bulgarian protograph.\(^\text{19}\) This situation should alert us to the possibility that

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\(^{16}\) The same situation is observed in John the Exarch’s translation of John of Damascus’ *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, see PODSKALSKY 1970: 154–158, esp. 157. For a discussion of the Slavonic rendering of ὑπόστασις in various texts, including those of the Preslav School, see HRISTOVA-SHOMOVA 2016: 108–126.

\(^{17}\) The fact that Constantine chooses to introduce a loanword from ὑπόστασις should not be understood as a lack of Greek proficiency on the part of the translator. Rather, it shows that for him no Slavonic word could do adequate justice to the meaning of this Greek term. See WEIHERE 1972: 146.

\(^{18}\) On this, see THOMSON 1991: 43–44.

\(^{19}\) The three manuscripts in question are: St. Petersburg, RNB, Sobranie Pogodina 968; Moscow, RGB, Sobranie Ovčinnikova F.209, 791; Moscow, RGB, Sobranie Volokolamskogo monastyrja F.113, 437. The same correction is reproduced in five other manuscripts that were copied from the Russian copies of the Old Bulgarian protograph. For the details concerning
during the manuscript transmission of the *Orations* (between 908 and 1489),\(^{20}\) could become *ɪп̇στακ*}, and vice versa. Therefore, it is important to stress that any observations about the original status of these two words should be provisory rather than conclusive.

### 3.4. Ὄμοιος, ὁμοιότης, ὁμοίωμα

In the trinitarian context, Athanasius uses this group of words (trans. as ‘like’, ‘likeness’ ‘similar’, ‘similarity’) to describe the ontological equality between Christ and the Father. At the time of the composition of the first three *Orations* in 339–345, Athanasius was reluctant to employ a more precise term ὁμοοὐσιος (trans. as ‘of the same essence’), even though it was approved by the Council of Nicaea in 325 and used in the Creed. Apparently, the reason for that reluctance had to do with the misunderstanding caused by the word ὁμοοὐσιος, and to avoid it, Athanasius used a less controversial word ὃμοιος instead.\(^{21}\) In fact, ὁμοοὐσιος occurs only once (in *CA I* 9.6) in the entire corpus of the *Orations*, and it is not until after the mid-350s that Athanasius began to promote the use of ὁμοοὐσιος as the only sure way of securing the divine equality between the persons of the Trinity. During this time, the trinitarian controversy became considerably more complicated with the appearance of four different parties: the *homoousians* (led by Athanasius), the *homoiousians*, the *homoians*, and the *anomoians*, each arguing respectively, that Christ is either ‘of the same being’ as the Father, or ‘like him in his being’, or simply ‘like’ the Father, or entirely ‘unlike’ him.\(^{22}\)

Constantine’s choice to translate ὃμοιος, ὁμοιότης, ὁμοίωμα as подобє­нъ/подобиє and точєнъ/точєньство makes an important case of reception. In tune with the Preslav principles of translating one Greek word with several

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\(^{20}\) The transmission period of *Orations* begins in 908 when they were copied for the first time in Bulgaria, while the year 1489 marks the time when the lost Old Bulgarian protograph was copied by the scribes of the manuscripts: St. Petersburg, RNB, Sobranie Pogodina 968 and Moscow, RGB, Sobranie Volokolamskogo monastyrja F.113, 437. The date of copying of the third manuscript can only be determined approximately as the end of the 15th century. The rest of 7 manuscripts are dated by the 16th century, with the exception of one that is dated by the 17th century. For the details on the manuscript tradition, see LYTVYNENKO (forthcoming).

\(^{21}\) For the theological background concerning ὁμοοὐσιος and Athanasius’ use of this term, see BEHR 2004: 136–139, 157–158.

\(^{22}\) On this see ANATOLIOS 2004: 22–25.
Slavonic equivalents.\(^{23}\) Constantine is linguistically most close to Athanasius’ vocabulary when he renders ὅμοιος, ὁμοιότης, ὁμόωμα as подобъ/подобие (trans. as ‘like’/‘likeness’). At the same time, the translator’s choice to render these Greek words as точъ/точность (trans. as ‘exact’/‘exactness’) captures the central point of the Orations – that Christ’s divine nature is identical with that of the Father – even more precisely.

It should be stressed, though, that Constantine’s preferred option throughout the Orations is подобъ/подобие (97 times) rather than точъ/точность (15 times). The former is used 26 times in CA I, 27 times in CA II, 40 times in CA III, and 4 times in CA IV. In contrast, the latter is used 7 times in CA I, 6 times in CA II, 2 times in CA III, and never in CA IV. For our purposes, however, it is important to register a consistent pattern here. It is marked by the preference of one term over the other in all four Orations, as well as by the presence of both terms in the first three Orations. This again can be indicative of a single translator.

3.5. ἴσος, ἴσον, ἰσότης, ἐξίσωσις

These words are part of Athanasius’ vocabulary in the first three Orations but not in the fourth one. Just as with the previous terminology, Athanasius’ use of ἴσος, ἴσον, ἰσότης, ἐξίσωσις (trans. as ‘equal’, ‘the same’) in the trinitarian context has the aim of articulating the equal status of Christ and the Father in the one Godhead. Constantine translates these words in three ways: точъ (‘exact’), равъ точъ (‘exactly equal’), and равъ/равъство (‘equal’, ‘equality’). In CA I, Constantine uses равъ/равъство with about the same frequency as точъ (6 times over 7), and he employs равъ точъ only once (in CA III). The choice of a double term равъ точъ (where равъ and точъ have a similar meaning) for one single Greek word is quite unusual. It may indicate the translator’s desire to intensify the idea of identity between Christ and humans in the particular context where it is used (see CA III.17.22).\(^{24}\)

The most obvious consistency with regard to these terms is observed in the way Constantine prefers равъ/равъство over точъ in CA II and CA III. The word точъ is used only 1 time in CA II, and once again in CA III,

\(^{23}\) See the introduction.
\(^{24}\) CA III.17.21–23 (METZLER; SAVVIDIS 2000: 327; PENKOVA 2016.a: 148b14–16). The double term равъ точъ occurs in the polemically charged statement and fits the occasion perfectly well: ταύτα θέλουσι ἰσα τῆς τοῦ διδόντος εἶναι θεότητος | ΤΑ ΧΡΗΜΑ ΔΑ ΡΑΒΗΝΑ ΕΠΩΛΩΤΙ ΤΩΝ ΑΔΩΝΙΑΙ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑΙ.
whereas *равень*/*равеньство* are used 6 times in *CA II*, and 12 times in *CA III*. The reason for such preference may have to do with the fact that *точень* is also the term Constantine uses to translate ὅμοιος, and therefore he can spare its use in relation to ἴσος, giving preference to *равень*/*равеньство*. If this is indeed the case, it can suggest a single translator of the *Orations*.

3.6. **Мόноς**

In the trinitarian context, Athanasius uses the word μόνος (trans. as ‘one’, ‘single’) both to emphasize the uniqueness of God as Trinity (or Father as the only fountain of divinity), and to draw a contrast between Christ on the one hand, and creatures on the other. Constantine chooses to translate this word with two different Slavonic equivalents: едина (trans. as ‘one’) and цѣлъ (trans. as ‘sole’, ‘private’). The second of these two is recognized as a very rare term, and there are only a few other Slavonic sources where it occurs outside of the *Orations*.25 One of these sources is believed to be another translation completed by Constantine of Preslav. This work, known as the *Didactic Gospel*, contains a collection of fifty-one homilies from John Chrysostom and Cyril of Alexandria and was translated from the popular Byzantine *catenae* (or Ἑρμηνεῖαι συνερανθεῖσαι) by Constantine in 893–894. This means that the *Didactic Gospel* was completed some 13 years before Constantine finished translating the *Orations* in 907.26 In the *Didactic Gospel*, the word цѣлъ is used only once, and Constantine employs it to translate the Greek phrase κατ’ ἰδίαν that describes one’s healing made in private.27

In translating the *Orations*, Constantine continues to use цѣлъ in the mundane sense in relation to humans and created objects, but he also converts it into a theological term to depict Christ’s uniqueness. In *CA II* and *CA III*, цѣлъ is used 8 times with regard to God/divinity, 7 times with regard to Christ, and 2 times with regard to humans/created objects. By far, Constantine’s favorite term for μόνος is едина, and it is the Christological meaning of this word that outnumbers all other senses. Thus in *CA I*, it is used 10 times to Christ, 6 times to God/divinity, and 2 times to non-divine things; in *CA II*, it

25 These sources are indicated in MIRČEVA (forthcoming) and discussed in PIRINKA 2016.b. For the etymological analysis of this word, see FASMER 1971: 323.
26 Each homily in the *Didactic Gospel* is prefaced by Constantine’s own introductions and ends with his brief concluding remarks. The best manuscript that preserves the *Didactic Gospel* is Moscow, GIM Sin. 262 (late 11th – early 12th c.), published (along with the corresponding Greek text from the edition of J. A. Cramer) by TICHIOVA 2012.
27 TICHIOVA 2012: 74b15.
is used 20 times to Christ, 15 times to God/divinity, and never to other things; in CA III, it is used 14 times to Christ, 13 times to God/divinity, and 8 times to non-divine things; and finally in CA IV, it is used 3 times to Christ, 1 time to God/divinity, and 1 time to non-divine things.

Here what might point to a single translator is the consistency with which единъ is chosen to enjoy the dominant position over сцѣглъ throughout the Orations, along with the fact that such a rare term as сцѣглъ is used in both works that Constantine translated into Old Slavonic – the Orations and the Didactic Gospel.

3.7. Ἰδιότης, ἰδίωμα

Athanasius uses these words primarily to define Christ’s relation to the Father (17 times in the Orations), although they also appear once in the context of his discussion of Christ’s assumed body, and once when he argues for a special sense of particular words in Scripture. Both of these words stem from a much more frequent term ἰδιος, and it has long been established that this adjective functions as a technical term in Athanasius’ writings. It occurs 682 times in the form of ἰδιος, 26 times in the form of Ἰδιότης, and 10 times as ἰδιοποιέω. Louth suggests that Athanasius uses this terminology to express the idea of substantial inseparability in two types of relations: between the Father and Son, and between Christ and his body.28

After being translated by Constantine, the technical term ἰδιος received two different expressions in the Old Slavonic: екі сіго/єго емоу29 translated

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28 LOUTH 1989: 198–200. See also FAIRBAIRN 2002: 85–90. One could add that Athanasius applies the same terminology for the description of the relation between the subject and qualities. The divine qualities do not exist by themselves; they belong to the Father in whom they are properly indwelled. And since the Son is the Father’s natural offspring, the same qualities are proper to him as well (LYTVYNENKO 2014: 228–230).

29 E.g. CA I.16.11 (METZLER; SAVVIDIS 1998: 126; VAILLANT 1954: 72): Διὰ τὸ ἐκ τῆς οὐσίας αὐτοῦ ἴδιον εἶναι γέννημα | χαμείχα στῇ εὐτυχίᾳ τοῦ εἶναι (αὐτό) περὶ τῆς οὐσίας; CA III.32.12–18 (METZLER; SAVVIDIS 2000: 343; PENKOVA 2016а: 1606.15–20): ἔπρεπε δὲ τὸν κύριον ἐνδιδυσκόμενον ἀνθρωπίνην σάρκα, ταύτην μετὰ τῶν ἴδιων παθῶν αὐτοῦ ὑπὲρ ἐνδύσασθαι, ἵνα ὁποῖος ἴδιον λέγημεν εἶναι τὸ σώμα, διότι καὶ τὰ τοῦ σώματος πάθη ἴδια μόνον αὐτοῦ λέγητα. εἰ καὶ μὴ ἦπτετο κατὰ τὴν θεότητα αὐτοῦ ὅτε Παραδόθησεν τῷ Πατρὶ, εἰς τὸν Κυρίου λόγῳ καὶ τριήμερον θαλάσσην. δα ἐπὶ τις εἰς τοῦ πλουτοῦ σώματος θαλάσσης, ἐκεῖ ἔμαθεν τὸν κάθε μοίχον αὐτῆς.
as ‘his own’, and приснєнъ translated as either ‘eternal’, or ‘genuine’, or ‘one’s own’ and ‘proper to’. These words brought additional semantic variety into the text of the Orations, and they represent a beautiful example of the reception of Athanasius’ thought in the Slavonic tradition. Even more variety is added with the translation of the nouns ἰδιότης and ἰδίωμα, which Constantine renders in three ways: присносѫштьство (trans. as ‘eternality’), своиство (trans. as ‘property’), and обычѧи (trans. roughly as ‘custom’, ‘usage’, ‘something to which customary things are proper’). Of these three, своиство is the most frequently used: it occurs 14 times (3 in CA I, again 3 in CA II, and 8 in CA III) as opposed to 3 occurrences for other terms (присносѫштьство is used once in CA I and once in CA II, and обычѧи is used once in CA III).

Here, the most attractive aspect for the case of a single translator is the fact that the Slavonic variety of the ἰδίος word-group is evidently preserved in the form of свои єго/своє ємоу, приснєнъ, and своиство throughout the Orations.

3.8. Εἶναι

One other notable case that can be indicative of a single translator of the Orations is the way Constantine renders articular infinitives τοῦ εἶναι and τὸ εἶναι in the form of a substantive noun єстованиє (trans. as ‘existence’, ‘existing’). Being a distinctly Constantinian word, it derives from the verb єсть (‘to be’) and is semantically related to the word єстєство (‘substance’ or ‘being’), which is Constantine’s favorite word for translating οὐσία.

In the Orations, Athanasius uses the genitive articular infinitive τοῦ εἶναι 28 times, and he employs the accusative articular infinitive τὸ εἶναι almost twice as often – 48 times. Of these 76 cases, Constantine chooses only 15 to translate as єстованиє. He does so 1 time in CA I, 10 times in CA II, 1 time in CA III, and 3 times in CA IV. In 13 of these instances, Constantine applies

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30 CA I.58.21–23 (METZLER; SAVVIDIS 1998: 169; VAILLANT 1954: 242): ἐτερογενῆς ἁρα καὶ ἐτεροούσιον ἔσται ὁ ὄρα τῶν γενετῶν καὶ μᾶλλον τῆς τοῦ πατρὸς οὐσίας ἴδιος καὶ ὀμορφὴς τυγχάνει | ὅτι δὲ τοιαύτη μέταβα πάντα τῆς αἰωνίου ζωῆς μετάσχωμεν. ὡς γὰρ κατὰ τὴν πρώτην γένεσιν | тѣмже такожⷣе, и прочаѧ страсти тѣлєсъныѧ.

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єстованиє to Christ, and in 2 instances (both in CA II), he uses this word in relation to humanity/creation. Thus, it is the Christological sense of єстованиє that Constantine prefers (often with the purpose of underscoring the fact that Christ has no beginning of existence when compared to creatures that began to exist), and we have at least one occurrence of this word in each of the four Orations. This being the case, єстованиє provides another textual example that can lend support for a single translator of the Orations.

4. CONCLUSION

If the plausibility of a single translator is more likely than not, then two points are worth making in conclusion. First, once we know that the entire corpus of Slavonic Orations is the work of the Preslav translator, we may have more confidence in using the Orations for reconstructing the translation principles of the first literary school in the medieval Bulgarian Empire, the so-called Preslav Literary School (active from 885 to 972). As we know, the School was the most important literary and cultural center of all Slavs, and its representatives, such as Constantine himself, were responsible for the pioneering work of translating numerous patristic texts into Slavonic. Constantine’s translation of the Orations in 907 was very likely to impact some of these projects on the most fundamental level.

Second, given the consistency with which one single Greek word is translated with two or more Slavonic equivalents, and the pattern in which they are used throughout the Orations, it is reasonable to suggest that our selected terms were either not affected by a later editorial work, or the editor was responsible for the kind of consistency that is observed with regard to their usage. Here the question worth exploring further is to what extent does CA II demonstrate particular linguistic differences when compared with the other Orations? To establish this, it would be helpful if more work, similar to this one, would be done in the future.

31 See e.g. THOMSON 1991: 35–58; HANSACK 1981: 15–36.
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Sažetak

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ODABRANI TEKSTNI DOKAZI KAO ARGUMENT ZA JEDINSTVENOGA PREVODITELJA ATANAZIJEVIH GOVORA PROTIV ARIJEVACA NA STAROSLAANSKI

Cilj je članka argumentirati pretpostavku o jednom prevoditelju Atanazijevih (triju) Govora protiv Arijevaca i Pisma biskupima Egipta i Libije (poimana kao četvrti govor u staroslavenskom korpusu) na staroslavenski jezik. U tu svrhu istražuje se osam grčkih termina, koji predstavljaju temeljni vokabular u raspravama o trojstvenosti u 4. stoljeću i u samim Atanazijevim Govorima, i njihovi slavenski ekvivalenti. Prvi dio rada donosi iscrpnu terminološku tablicu koja sadrži spomenutih osam grčkih termina i njihove slavenske ekvivalente u svim četirima pismima. Na temelju terminološke tablice u drugom se dijelu rada raščlanjuju odabrani termini. Istražuje se dosljednost njihove uporabe u Atanazijevim govorima kao argument da se staroslavenski prijevod Govora protiv Arijevaca može smatrati radom jednoga prevoditelja.

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