

## EDITORIAL

The issue 2/2013 of the Biblical Journal "Sacra Scripta" continues the theme of the previous issue 1/2013. In that special issue articles were published which have been presented as papers at the International Biblical Symposium organised and hosted by the Centre for Biblical Studies between 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

The topic of this Symposium was "Messianic texts in the Old Testament and their reception in Early Christianity". The aim of the Symposium was a dialogue between Orthodox biblical scholars and Non-Orthodox biblical scholars, both from Romania and from abroad. Details with regard to the participants and to characteristics of ecumenical and interfaith research I have mentioned in the previous Editorial of the issue 1/2013.

The present issue includes three articles which have been presented as papers at the Symposium, namely CONSTANTIN OANCEA, *Psalm 2 im Alten Testament und im frühen Judentum*; EMANUEL CONTAC: *The Reception of Zechariah 9:9 in the New Testament and in the Early Church* and KORINNA ZAMFIR, *From Humble Servant to Incarnate Logos. Christology, Ethics, Apologetics and Polemics in the Early Christian Readings of Isa 52–53*. In addition to those articles the short article of ULRICH LUZ, *Ein Rückblick auf das Symposium* attempts to summarize some of the results and the open questions of the Symposium on the basis of short personal statements made by Orthodox and Non-Orthodox participants at the end of the conference. They reveal that in spite of different church-traditions the fundamental questions of all participants are to some extent the same. Particularly some of the hermeneutical reflections pointed out by an anonymous Orthodox biblical scholar and registered by Ulrich Luz are quite courageous and important for both sides: Western and Orthodox.

Unfortunately not all the papers presented in the Symposium in Cluj could be published as articles in due time. Therefore we are very happy that one of the papers presented at a theological conference in Lviv fits wonderfully in its topic: It is MITCHELL ALEXANDER ESSWEIN'S article *Is He going to kill himself? The willing self-sacrifice of Jesus and the Akedah in the Fourth Gospel*. Likewise the article of REINHARD NEUDECKER, entitled *Marriage and Divorce: the Pharisees and Jesus in the Light of Early Rabbinic Literature* is based on a paper which was delivered in the Lviv-Symposium. All the articles of this Symposium will be published shortly in a special volume published by the Theological Faculty of the University of Lviv. I am glad to announce this publication to the readers of "Sacra Scripta" and I hope that we can present its content to our readers in our review-section.

The topic of the last article of this issue, written by the Romanian scholar DAN BATOVICI entitled: *A Few Notes on the Use of the Scripture in Galatians* is

also related with the problem of the relation of the Old and the New Testament and fits well into the general perspective of this issue.

We publish the whole issue under the title of the Symposium of 2012: "Messianic texts in the Old Testament and their reception in Early Christianity", in spite of the fact that many of its articles have a wider horizon. I wish that they can stimulate the interests of our readers and the scholarly discussion. Success and pleasure in reading them!

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