

d'art médiéval de la vallée de l' Olt. Ce fut une occasion pour la délégation grecque d'accomplir un bref pèlerinage à Drăgășani, afin d'y visiter le monument commémoratif de l'Hétérie.

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### PATRIARCHAL INSTITUTE FOR PATRISTIC STUDIES

With the initiative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, the city of Thessaloniki is now enriched with an Institute devoted to the study of the Greek Fathers of the Church. The Institute is established at the premises of the Byzantine Monastery of Vlatadon, near the ancient walls of the city, up in the hill, overlooking the city and the Thermaic Gulf. The Monastery belongs to the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and it is connected with the Monastery of Iviron on Mount Athos.

The plan of the Institute is threefold: to prepare new editions of the texts of the Fathers of the Church (with translations in various languages), to issue an international Periodical devoted to Patristic Studies and to sponsor public lectures and international symposia and conferences on Patristic Studies.

Financial sources are expected to be an annual grant by the Ecumenical Patriarchate and donations by institutions and persons who are interested in this field. Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Insitute is the Metropolitan of Thessaloniki and Director for the first five years Professor P. Christou, the distinguished editor in chief of the texts of Gregory Palamas. The formal opening of the Institute is scheduled to take place on the 30th of January, 1968.

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