

A TENTATIVE CHECK LIST OF DATED SYRIAC MANUSCRIPTS UP TO 1300

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William Hatch's *An Album of Dated Syriac Manuscripts*¹ has served as an invaluable guide to dated Syriac manuscripts for over half a century now, at the same time offering a wonderful resource for anyone attempting to date undated Syriac manuscripts. Hatch provided photographs of 200 manuscripts, the latest of which dates from 1593/4. The number of those illustrated by him whose date is prior to 1300 is 159. Since the total number of known dated manuscripts earlier than 1300 is in fact over three times this figure, it may be helpful to offer a tentative check list of these. Once handlists and/or catalogues of the various Middle Eastern manuscript collections currently being digitized by the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library and by other organisations are available, the present list will certainly need augmenting, especially for the twelfth and thirteenth centuries; it is hoped, nevertheless, that this preliminary list will provide a useful starting point for future studies.²

¹ W.H.P. Hatch, *An Album of Dated Syriac Manuscripts* (Boston, 1946; repr. with an additional Foreword by L. Van Rompay, Piscataway NJ, 2002).

² For fifth- and sixth-century manuscripts, see also S.P. Brock, 'Dating formulae in Syriac inscriptions and manuscripts of the 5th and 6th centuries', in a forthcoming volume edited by G. Kiraz and published by Gorgias Press.

Details concerning catalogues of manuscripts in the different locations can be readily found in A. Desreumaux,'s *Répertoire des bibliothèques et des catalogues de manuscrits syriaques* (Paris, 1991); among subsequent catalogues, the following should especially be noted: J.F. Coakley, 'A Catalogue of the Syriac Manuscripts in the John Rylands Library' in *Bulletin of the John Rylands Library, University of Manchester* 75 (1993), 105-207; Y. Dolabani and others, 'Catalogue des manuscrits de la Bibliothèque du Patriarcat Syrien Orthodoxe à Homs (Aujourd'hui à Damas)', *Parole de l'Orient* 19 (1994), 555-661; F. Briquel-Chatonnet, *Manuscrits syriaques de la Bibliothèque Nationale... Catalogue* (Paris, 1997); I. Bcheiry, *Catalogue of Syriac Manuscripts in Trinity College, Dublin* (Kaslik, 2005); Philothée de Sinaï, *Nouveaux manuscrits syriaques du Sinaï* (Athens, 2008), and the catalogues by Dolabani and Barsaum (see under Abbreviations).³ Information concerning dated Syriac manuscripts in the collection of the Monastery of St Catherine, Sinai, is derived from H. Hussmann, 'Die syrischen Handschriften des Sinai-Klosters, Herkunft und Schreiber', *Ostkirchliche Studien* 24 (1975), 281-308 (some corrections have occasionally been made).

In the listing, for reasons of space, only the following very basic information is given in the five columns: I, date, including month where given; II, manuscript reference; III, illustration in Hatch's Album, where available, and (for 11th-13th centuries) an indication of ecclesiastical provenance;⁴ IV, place of writing (if the scribe also gives his name, an asterisk (*) is added); and V, general contents. For the abbreviations used in column V, see below.

After the listing, some annotation is provided in cases where specific comment is required; this is followed by some preliminary general observations that can be made.

The following conventions should also be noted:

³ It should be noted that several of the manuscripts in Dolabany's three catalogues and in those of Barsaum are now in the Syrian Orthodox Patriarchate (and now housed in Ma'arret Saidnaya).

⁴ For the 11th and 12th cent. this is only specified for E(ast Syriac) and M(eltkite) manuscripts; all others can be assumed to be Syrian Orthodox. In the case of manuscripts of earlier date the script does not always provide a ready criterion. For East Syriac dated manuscripts, see S.P. Brock, 'Early dated Manuscripts of the Church of the East, 7th to 13th century', *Journal of Assyrian Academic Studies* 21:2 [In Honor of J.F. Coakley] (2007), 8-34. See also below, under Preliminary observations.

— All manuscripts with ‘Add.’ references of five digits are in the British Library, and for convenience the relevant *page* number in W. Wright’s *Catalogue of Syriac Manuscripts in the British Museum acquired since the year 1838* (London, 1872) is given. In converting the Seleucid to the Christian era Wright did not provide the right AD date in cases where the month is given as being between October and December; in the table below, the figures he gives have been corrected wherever this is necessary (this also applies to some other catalogues, as well).

— For some libraries I have given the catalogue number rather than the shelf number, since this will be needed for any further consultation.

— In a few cases dates are given with inverted commas (e.g. ‘734’): these concern dates which are given wrongly in the manuscripts, or are due to misinterpretation.

— Where the date is given in more than one era, there is sometimes a lack of correspondence between the two; in these cases I have normally followed the Seleucid (AG) dating.⁵

— Not all manuscripts listed are still extant; this applies not only to those whose particulars are only known from information provided in subsequent copies made from them, but also to some mentioned in early modern sources which probably no longer survive.

Abbreviations

Bibl. = Biblical OT/NT; G = Gospels; L = Lectionary; Mass. = ‘Massorah’). BL = British Library.

Barsaum, *Srit.* = A.I. Barsaum, *Sritothon d-Tur ‘Abdin*, I-III (Ma‘arrat Saydnaya, 2008-).

⁵ For the various eras used, see in general F. Briquel-Chatonnet, ‘Le temps du copiste: notations chronologiques dans les colophons de manuscrits syriaques’, in F. Briquel-Chatonnet and H. Lozachmeur (eds), *Proche-Orient ancien: temps vécu, temps pensé* (Antiquités sémitiques III; Paris, 1998), 197-210; and for manuscripts using dating by the Hijra era, see S.P. Brock, ‘The use of Hijra dating in Syriac manuscripts: a preliminary investigation’ in J.J. van Ginkel, H. Murre-van den Berg and T.M. van Lint (eds), *Redefining Christian Identity. Cultural Interaction in the Middle East since the Rise of Islam* (OLA 134; 2005), 275-90.

- Dolabany, *CatDZ*. = F. Y. Dolabany, *Catalogue of Syriac Manuscripts in Za'faran Monastery* (ed. G.Y. Ibrahim; Aleppo, 1994).
- Dolabany, *CatJer*. = F.Y. Dolabany, *Catalogue of Syriac Manuscripts in St. Mark's Monastery* (ed. G.Y. Ibrahim; Aleppo, 2004).
- Dolabany, *CatMonCh*. = F. Y. Dolabany, *Catalogue of Syriac Manuscripts in Syrian Churches and Monasteries* (ed. G.Y. Ibrahim; Aleppo, 1994).
- Géhin 2006 = 'Manuscripts sinaïtiques dispersés, I: les fragments syriaques et arabes de Paris', *Oriens Christianus* 90 (2006), 23-43.
- Géhin 2007 = 'Manuscripts sinaïtiques dispersés, II: les fragments théologiques syriaques de Milan (Chabot 34-57)', *Oriens Christianus* 91 (2007), 1-24.
- Géhin 2009 = 'Fragments patristiques syriaques des Nouvelles découvertes du Sinaï', *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia* 6 (2009), 67-93.
- Leroy = J. Leroy, *Les manuscrits syriaques à peintures*, I (Paris, 1964).
- Patr. G and or S = Patristic literature, Greek and/or Syriac authors
- Vat. Syr. < Sinai = F. Rilliet, 'La bibliothèque de Ste-Catherine du Sinaï et ses membra disiecta: nouveaux fragments syriaques à la Bibliothèque Vaticane', *VI Symposium Syriacum*, OCA 247, (1994), 409-18.

Date	Manuscript	Hatch	Place	Content
411 Nov	Add.12150 = <i>Cat.</i> p.633	I	Edessa*	Patr. G
459/60	Add. 14512 = <i>Cat.</i> 250	II		Bibl. OT
462 Apr	St Petersburg, <i>Cat.</i> no. 1	III	*	Patr. G
463/4	Add. 14425 = <i>Cat.</i> 5	IV	Amid*	Bibl. OT
473 Apr	Vatican Syr. 160	V		Hagiography
474 Sep	Add.17182 = <i>Cat.</i> 403	VI	Edessa*	Patr. S
500/1	Add.14528 = <i>Cat.</i> 1030		Mabbug	Canon Law
509 Apr	Add.14542 = <i>Cat.</i> 417	VII	Mon. Pa'nur*	Patr. G
510 Oct	Dayr al-Surian Syr. 10		Edessa	Bibl. NT G
510/11	Add.17126 = <i>Cat.</i> 526	VIII	Mabbug	Patr. S
512 Jan	Add.17182 = <i>Cat.</i> 404	IX		Patr. S
518 Nov	Add.14571 = <i>Cat.</i> 413	X	*	Patr. S
522 Dec	Vat. syr. 111	XI		Patr. S
528 Apr	Vat. syr. 140	XII	Edessa	Patr. G
530/40	Add.14459 = <i>Cat.</i> 68	XIII		Bibl. NT G
532 May	Add.14445 = <i>Cat.</i> 26	XIV	B.Meri, Mon. Orientalis	Bibl. OT
532 Jun	Add.17176 = <i>Cat.</i> 1072	XV	*	Hagiography
533/4	Add.14479 = <i>Cat.</i> 86	XVI	Edessa	Bibl. NT
533/4	Add.12175 = <i>Cat.</i> 637			Patr. G
534 Jun	Sinai Syr. 46	XVII		Hagiography
535 May	Add.14530 = <i>Cat.</i> 1029	XVIII	Kafra d-Barta, Mon. Eusebius	Canon Law
540/1	Add.17107 = <i>Cat.</i> 23	XIX	Edessa	Bibl. OT
543 Dec	Sinai M27N			Bibl. OT
545 Apr	Add.14431 = <i>Cat.</i> 14			Bibl. OT
548 Jul	Vat.syr.12	XX	Edessa	Bibl. NT
550/1	Add.14610 = <i>Cat.</i> 638	XXI		Patr. G
552 Feb	Vat.syr.112	XXII	Sarmin*	Patr. S
553 Sep	Add.12166 = <i>Cat.</i> 491	XXIII	Edessa	Patr. G
554 Dec	Add.14635 = <i>Cat.</i> 414			Patr. S
557 Apr	Add.14558 = <i>Cat.</i> 466	XXIV		Patr. G
pre 562	Add.12156 = <i>Cat.</i> 648			Patr. G
563 Aug	Vat.syr.143	XXV	Mon. of John of Nerab	Patr. G
564 Apr	Vat.syr.137	XXVI		Patr. S
564 Aug	Vat.syr.104	XXVII	Barbaron, Mon. Quryaqos*	Patr. G
565 Feb	Add.17157 = <i>Cat.</i> 505	XXVIII	Edessa	Patr. S
569 May	Add.14597 = <i>Cat.</i> 648	XXX	Sarmin, Mon. John Nerab	Patr. S G
569 May	Add.14599 = <i>Cat.</i> 547	XXIX	Mon. B. Mar Shila*	Patr. G
576 Jul	Vat.syr.142		Sketis	Patr. G
581 Jun	Add.17169 = <i>Cat.</i> 451	XXXI	*	Patr. S
581 Jul	Vat.syr.138	XXXII		Patr. S
pre 583	Add.14464 = <i>Cat.</i> 70		Mon. Mar Zakkai	Bibl. NT G
584 Jul	Add.12160 = <i>Cat.</i> 472	XXXIII	Mon. Gubba Barraya*	Patr. G
586 Feb	Florence, Laur.Plut.I.56	XXXIV	Mon. John, B. Zagba*	Bibl. NT G
586 Oct	Add.14609 = <i>Cat.</i> 1089		Mon. of Speculis	Hagiography
587/8	Add.12158 = <i>Cat.</i> 556		Mon. of Maki	Patr. G
593 Dec	Add.17152 = <i>Cat.</i> 477	XXXV	*	Patr. G

c.597/600	Add.14559 = <i>Cat.</i> 468		Natpa d-Zargal	Patr. G
598/9	Add.17102 = <i>Cat.</i> 11	XXXVI		Bibl. OT
598/9	Add.14568 = <i>Cat.</i> 405			Patr. S
599/600	Add.17110 = <i>Cat.</i> 118		Mon. of Ramsha	Bibl. OT
599/600	Add.14460 = <i>Cat.</i> 53	CLX	Tell Dinawar, B.Nuhadra	Bibl. NT G
603 Sep	Add.14587 = <i>Cat.</i> 517	XXXVII		Patr. S
604 Jul	Add.12170 = <i>Cat.</i> 458	XXXVIII	Mathan, near Bostra	Patr. G
611 Sep	Add.12135 = <i>Cat.</i> 486	XXXIX	Mon. of Kawkba, Hina*	Patr. G
‘613/4’	(see Annotation)	XL		
614/5	Add.14471 = <i>Cat.</i> 54	CLXI	Nisibis	Bibl. NT G
615 Aug	Paris Syr. 69	XLI		Patr. G
615/6	(Original of Harklean NT)		Alexandria, Mon. of Ennaton	Bibl. NT
pre 618	Add.14567 = <i>Cat.</i> 479		Mon. of Qashri, Mt Sharda	Patr. G
621/2	Add.14478 = <i>Cat.</i> 91	XLII	Haluga, near Serugh	Bibl. NT
624 Aug	Add. 14472 = <i>Cat.</i> 82		Gdalta	Bibl. NT
633 Dec	Assfalg, Syr.HSS, no. 5		Beit Hala, Damascus	Bibl. NT G
c. 641	Add.14526 = <i>Cat.</i> 1034			Canon Law
653 pre	Add.14605 = <i>Cat.</i> 715			Patr. G S
674/5	Add.17134 = <i>Cat.</i> 330			Litur. H
681/2	Add.14666 = <i>Cat.</i> 92	XLIII		Bibl. NT
688 Mar	Add.14647 = <i>Cat.</i> 1094	XLIV	*	Hagiography
697 Feb	Add.12134 = <i>Cat.</i> 29	XLV		Bibl. OT
‘698’	(see under 779)			
699/700	Add.14448 = <i>Cat.</i> 41			Bibl. NT
705 pre	Dam.Patr. 12/25 <Jerus.235		*	Medical
719 Apr	Add.14429 = <i>Cat.</i> 38		*	Bibl. OT
‘719/20’	Dublin, Chester Beatty 701	CLXII	*	Liturgical
719/20	Paris Syr. 27	XLVII	*	Bibl. OT
723 Apr	BL Or. 8606	XLVIII	Edessa*	Patr. G
723 Oct	Dayr al-Surian Syr. 28.iv		*	Patr. G S
724 Mar	Add.14430 = <i>Cat.</i> 15	XLIX	Mon. of Speculis*	Bibl. OT
726 Apr	Add.12135 = <i>Cat.</i> 25	L	Mon. of Speculis*	Bibl. OT
‘731-2’	(see under 991/2)	XCV		
‘734’	(see under 834)	LI		
736 Sep	Vatican Syr. 13	LII	Urem Qastra*	Bibl. NT G
740/1	Berlin, <i>Verzeichniss</i> no.26	LIII		Hagiography
742/3	Deir al-Surian Syr. 5			Bibl. OT
752/3	Vorlage of Manchester, Ryl. Syr. 4			Bibl. OT
756 Dec	Florence, Laur.Plut. I.40	LIV	Edessa	Bibl. NT G
758	Sinai Syr. 38 ⁶			Patr. G
759/60	New York, Pierpont Morgan 236		Beth Nuhadra	Bibl. NT
766 Dec	Vorlage of BL Or.2306 & Mingana Syr. 24			Patr. G
766/7	BL Add.7157	CLXIII	Mon. Sabrisho’,	Bibl. NT

⁶ See Géhin 2007, p.9; 2009, p.77.

769 Aug	Vatican Syr. 122	LV	B.Qoqe*	Patr. G
770	Or. 8732	LVI	Qartmin, Mon. Shem'on*	Bibl. OT
774/5	Add.17170 = <i>Cat.</i> 455	LVII	Edessa*	Patr. S
779 Jul	Sinai Syr. 30			Hagiography
789 Jun	Add.17160 = <i>Cat.</i> 235	LVIII	*	Liturgical
790 Jul	Add.14548 = <i>Cat.</i> 434	XCVI	*	Patr. G
794 Jun	Mosul 94			Hagiography
802 Mar	Add.14621 = <i>Cat.</i> 756	LIX	*	Patr. S
804 Apr	Add.12151 = <i>Cat.</i> 493	LX	*	Patr. G
806 Nov	Dolabani, <i>CatJer</i> , 289-96		Mon. of Column, Kallinikos*	Patr. S
815 Apr	Add.12171 = <i>Cat.</i> 587	LXI		Patr. G
816 Feb	Add.14582 = <i>Cat.</i> 692	XCVII	Mon. Michael, Maris, Egypt*	Patr. G S
817 Jul	Add.14593 = <i>Cat.</i> 590	LXII	Edessa*	Patr. G S
819/30	Add.17172 = <i>Cat.</i> 759	LXIII	*	Patr. G S
822 May	Diyarbakir (Scher) 23		Edessa	Patr. S
822/3	Add.14623 = <i>Cat.</i> 762	XCVIII	Thebaid*	Patr. S
823 Oct	Vatican Syr. 92	XCIX	*	Liturgical
823/4	Add.14485 = <i>Cat.</i> 146	LXIV	Harran	Bibl. L
824 Mar	Add.14486 = <i>Cat.</i> 149	LXV	Harran, Mon. B.Qoqe	Bibl. L
832/3	Add.12171 = <i>Cat.</i> 766			Patr. G
834 Jan	Or. 8731	LI ('734')	Mon.Eusebona, B. Malka*	Patr. G
834/5	Mingana Syr. 42C			Bibl. NT G
837 Mar	Lyon 2		*	Patr. S
837 Mar	Sinai Syr. M45N		Edessa*	Patr. S
837 Jun	Add.12152 = <i>Cat.</i> 497	LXVI	Turlaha	Patr. G
839 Apr	Add.17125 = <i>Cat.</i> 1164	C	Mon. Qarqaphta*	Philosophy
841 May	Vorlage of Dublin, Ch. Beatty Syr.3 & Paris Syr.57			Bibl. NT G
844/5	Add.12153 = <i>Cat.</i> 423	CI	Kfar Tawrata*	Patr. G
850 Apr	Add.14651 = <i>Cat.</i> 1101	CII	*	Hagiography
857 Nov	Vatican Syr. 116	LXVIII		Patr. S
858/9	Vatican Syr. 268	LXIX		Bibl. NT G
861 Mar	Vorlage of Add.12144 = <i>Cat.</i> 912			Patr. G S
861/2	Add.14492 = <i>Cat.</i> 178	CLXIV	*	Bibl. OT L
866 Jan	Add.14668 = <i>Cat.</i> 769	CIII		Patr. G S
866 Apr	Add.14580 = <i>Cat.</i> 767	CIV	Edessa	Patr. G S
[86]7/8	Add.12159 = <i>Cat.</i> 534	CV	Awlona, near Antioch*	Patr. G
867/8	Dolabani, <i>CatDZ</i> , 144			Bibl. NT
874 Aug	Dayr al-Surian Syr. 28.iii			Patr. G
873/4	Add.17109 = <i>Cat.</i> 120	LXX	Edessa	Bibl. OT
874 Aug	Add.17193 = <i>Cat.</i> 989		*	Patr. G S
874/5	Add.14650 = <i>Cat.</i> 1103	CVI	*	Hagiography
876 Jan	Add.12167 = <i>Cat.</i> 769	CVII		Patr. G
876/7	Add.17130 = <i>Cat.</i> 392	CVIII	*	Liturgical
882 Mar	'Codex Syriacus Secundus'		Mon. of John, nr Beirut*	Patr. G S

883/4	Add.18819 = <i>Cat.</i> 340	CIX		Liturgical
885/6	Add.17194 = <i>Cat.</i> 1002	CX	*	Patr. G S
886	Vatican Syr. 623		Sinai*	Hagiography
887 Mar	Dayr al-Surian Syr. 37			Liturgical
887/8	Add.14668 = <i>Cat.</i> 1196	CXI	Sketis, Mon. Yoldat Aloho*	Patr. G S
893 Feb	Add.14515 = <i>Cat.</i> 240	CXII	Sketis, Mon. Yoldat Aloho*	Liturgical
893/4	Paris Syr. 342	CLXV	Balad, Mon. of Joseph*	Bibl. NT
899 Apr	Add.12138 = <i>Cat.</i> 101	CLXVI	Harran, Mon. of Gabriel*	Bibl. Mass.
902/3	Or. 5021	CXIII	Mon. Paul, Egypt*	Patr. G
903/4	Dayr al-Surian Syr. 30.C		Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Patr. S
913 Mar	Add.14579 = <i>Cat.</i> 815	LXXI		Patr. G
916/7	Mingana Syr. 106G			Bibl. L
916/7	Sinai Syr. M3N			Liturgical
917/8	New Haven, Yale, Z107.31	CLXVII	Mon. Elia*, Mosul	Bibl. NT G
927 May	Add.17111 = <i>Cat.</i> 125	CXIV	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis	Bibl. OT
928/9	Vatican Syr. 1	LXXII	Mosul, Mon. Elia	Bibl. OT
929 Jul	Add.17174 = <i>Cat.</i> 1074	CXV		Hagiography
932 Apr	(Moberg, 1924)	CXVI	Qaryatein*	Hagiography
932/3	Sinai Syr. M15N		Black Mt*	Hagiography
933	Sinai Syr. M56N		Sinai	Bibl. NT L
935/6	Add.14469 = <i>Cat.</i> 75	LXXIII	Sketis, Mon. Yoldat Aloho*	Bibl. NT G
936+	Add.14645 = <i>Cat.</i> 1111		Sketis, Mon. Yoldat Aloho	Hagiography
938/9'	Paris Syr. 169			Liturgical
944/5	St Petersburg, <i>Cat.</i> no.38		Tabriz	Medical
956 Jul	Vatican Syr. 14	LXXIV		Bibl. NT G
957 Jul	Dayr al-Surian Syr. 22		Fostat	Patr. S
979/80	Vatican Syr. 152	LXXV		Bibl. Mass.
981 Apr	St Petersburg, <i>Cat.</i> no. 8		Nisibis	Bibl. NT
991/2	Harvard Syr. 176	XCV		Bibl. Mass.
992/3	Dam. Patr. 7/16		Mon. XL Martyrs, Dry River	Bibl. Mass.
993 Apr	Barsaum, <i>Srit.</i> I, 175		Mon. Elia, Amid(?)	Bibl. Mass.
994 Aug	Dam.Patr. 12/9< Jerus. 25	LXXVI	Melitene, Mon. XL Martyrs*	Bibl. NT G
999/1000	Add.12139 = <i>Cat.</i> 154	LXXVII	*	Bibl. L
1000 Nov	Paris Syr. 154	CXVII	Mon. Mar Shayna*	Liturgical
1000 Nov	Damascus Patr. 12/20		Mon. Sergius & Bacchus*	Patr. G S
1003/29	Vatican Syr. 94	CXVIII		Liturgical
1005/6	Add.12149 = <i>Cat.</i> 266		*	Liturgical
1007 Feb	Add.12148 = <i>Cat.</i> 264	LXXVIII	*	Liturgical
1014 Aug	Mosul, Mar Tuma		Mon. XL Martyrs*	Bibl. Mass.
1015 Jun	Add.12165 = <i>Cat.</i> 842	CXIX	Hisn Patriq*	Patr. G S
1023 Feb	Add.14488 = <i>Cat.</i> 194	M	Black Mt*	Liturgical
1[0]27 Mar	Add.7158	E		Bibl. NT
1030 Aug	Vatican Syr. 19 [CPA]	M	Antioch, Mon. Moses	Bibl. NT L

1031 Aug	olim Leuven G151	M	Black Mountain*	Liturgical
1031 Aug	Damascus Patr. 12/13		Mon. XL Martyrs	Patr. S
1033/4	Add.12145 = <i>Cat.</i> 251	CXX	*	Liturgical
1041 Oct	Vatican Syr. 21	M CXXI	Black Mountain*	Bibl. NT L
1041 Nov	Damascus Patr. 12/21		Tagrit*	Bibl. NT L
1044 Aug	Sinai Syr. 45	M		Bibl. NT
1045 Dec	Add.14489 = <i>Cat.</i> 200	M	Black Mountain*	Bibl. NT L
		CLXXXIV		
1[.]49 May	Dolabany, <i>CatJer.</i> , 154		Sketis?	Bibl. NT
1052/3	Diyarbakir (Scher) 7		Melitene	Bibl. NT G
1055 Jan	Damascus Patr. 12/8		Melitene*	Bibl. NT L
1056 Jul	Add.14510 = <i>Cat.</i> 378	M CXXII	Black Moutain*	Liturgical
1057 Jun	Sinai Syr. M5N	M	*	Liturgical
1059 Apr	Paris Syr. 70		Melitene	Liturgical
1059 Sep	Sinai Syr. 40	M	Mon. Mar Pallad*	Liturgical
1061 Sep	Barsaum, <i>Srit.</i> I, 216		Mon. XL Martyrs, Dry River	Patr. S
1069	Sinai Syr. 20	M	Black Moutain	Bibl. NT L
1073/4?	Add.17923 = <i>Cat.</i> 188	E	Mon. of R.Hormizd*	Bibl. NT L
1074/5	Add.14714 = <i>Cat.</i> 346	CXXIII	*	Liturgical
1078/9	Vorlage of Mingana Syr. 65			Patr. S
1081 Mar	Add.12144 = <i>Cat.</i> 908	LXXIX	Mon.Yoldat Aloho, near Alexandria	Patr. G S
1085 Mar	Add.14734 = <i>Cat.</i> 1147	CXXIV	Sketis, Mon. Yoldat Aloho	Hagiography
1088 Mar	Add.17127 = <i>Cat.</i> 1020		*	Patr.
1089 Sep	Add.14490 = <i>Cat.</i> 159	LXXX	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, nr Alexandria*	Bibl. NT L
1092/3	Vatican, Barbarini Or.118		Beth Sohroye, Nineveh	Bibl. Mass.
1100/1	Add.17213 = <i>Cat.</i> 295		Sketis, Mon. Yoldat Aloho	Liturgical
1102 Jul	Add.14679 = <i>Cat.</i> 606	CXXV	Sketis, Niqios*	Patr. S
1104 Feb	Sinai CPA 1	CXCIX M	*	Bibl. NT L
1120/1	Add.18820 = <i>Cat.</i> 269		*	Liturgical
1126 Nov	Mosul (Scher) 4 (= Vorlage of Vat.Borg. Syr. 113)		Maragha*	Bibl. OT
1127 Nov	Sinai Syr. 1	M	*	Bibl. NT L
1128/9	Oxford, Bodl. <i>Cat.</i> no.164	CXXVI		Liturgical
1133 Aug	Add.14498 = <i>Cat.</i> 230	CXXVII	*	Liturgical
1138 Feb	Lyon 1		Jerusalem*	Liturgical
1138 Aug	Parus Syr. 51	LXXXI	Jerusalem*	Bibl. NT L
1142 May	Vatican Syr. ? < Sinai	M	*	Liturgical
1143 Nov	Dolabany, <i>CatJer.</i> , 324-36			Patr. S
1149 Sep	Damascus Patr. 12/4 < Jerus.	LXXXII	Jerusalem*	Bibl. NT L
1161/2	Sbath Syr. 72	M		Liturgical
1164/5	Vatican Syr. 37.ix [copy]		Midyat, Mon. Abraham*	Bibl. NT L
1164/5	Paris Syr. 52	CXXVIII	Edessa, Mon. Cross	Bibl. NT G
1165 Jun	Oxford, Bodl. <i>Cat.</i> no.45		Mon. George*	Liturgical
1166 Sep	Add.14503 = <i>Cat.</i> 255		*	Liturgical
1169/70	Cambridge Add. 1700	CXXIX	Edessa, Mon. Cross	Bibl. NT
1171 Sep	Dolabani, <i>CatJer.</i> , 179-80		Hisn Ziyad*	Liturgical
1172 Oct	Add.14729 = <i>Cat.</i> 860		Mon. of Qlime, Egypt	Patr. S

1172/3	Vorlage of Paris Syr. 204.viii			(Patr.)
1172/3	Add.17224 = <i>Cat.</i> 67		*	Bibl. NT G
1172/3	Damascus Patr. 12/7		Mon. George, nr Mardin	Bibl. NT L
1173 Mar	Add.7171		*	Bibl. NT L
1174 Jan	Cambridge Ll.2.4		Edessa, Mon. Barbara*	Bibl. OT
1174 Jul	Paris Syr. 67	CXXX	Edessa*	Patr. S
1175 Mar	Add.14737 = <i>Cat.</i> 274		Ibrahamiya, nr Mardin*	Liturgical
1176/7	Oxford, Bodl. <i>Cat.</i> no.163		*	Hagiography
1177 Jul	Dublin, Chester Beatty Syr.3	LXXXIII	*	Bibl. NT
1177/8	Sinai Syr. 6	M	*	Bibl. NT L
1179/80	BL Or. 5020	M		Liturgical
1179/80	(unknown)	E		Bibl. NT L
1181/2	Add.14690 = <i>Cat.</i> 205		Qartmin, Mon. Shem'un*	Liturgical
1183/4	Add.14719 = <i>Cat.</i> 275		Tur 'Abdin*	Liturgical
1185/6	Mosul (Scher) 12	E	Mon. Awgen	Bibl. NT L
1185/6	Vatican Syr. 467	E		Hagiography
1186 May	Sinai Syr. 260	M	Saidnaya, Mon. Yoldat Aloho*	Bibl. OT
1186/7	Paris Syr. 354.i < Siirt 91		*	Philosophy
1187	Paris Syr. 50			Bibl. NT
1187/8	Dolab. <i>CatChMon.</i> , 280		Mon.Jacob d-Qarna*	Liturgical
1188 Oct	Add.12177 = <i>Cat.</i> 58		Dry Mt, Mon. Sergius*	Bibl. NT
1188? Dec	Sinai Syr. 124	M	*	Bibl. OT
1188/9	Vatican Syr. 51		*	Liturgical
?1189	Mosul (Scher) 13	E	Mosul, Mon. Michael*	Bibl. NT L
1189/90	Dayr al-Suryan Syr. 7		nr Damascus*	Bibl. OT
1189/90	Damascus Patr. 5/52		Mon. Barsauma, Melitene	Liturgical
1191 Apr	Paris Syr. 40	LXXXIV	Edessa, Mon. Yoldat Aloho*	Bibl. NT G
1192 Apr	Paris Syr. 54	LXXXV	Edessa, Mon. Yoldat Aloho*	Bibl. NT G
1192 Jul	Diyarbakir (Scher) 8		Edessa, Mon. Yoldat Aloho*	Bibl. NT G
pre 1194	Paris Syr. 41		Mt Izla, Mon. Jacob*	Bibl. NT G
1193/4	Paris Syr. 236	CXXXI	*	Hagiography
1194 Feb	Sinai Syr. 151	M	*	Liturgical
1195 Aug	Oxford, Bodl. <i>Cat.</i> no.3			Bibl. OT
1195	Paris Syr. 39	LXXXVI	Mon. Cross, Tur 'Abdin*	Bibl. NT G
1196 Feb	Paris Syr. 289		Mon. Barsuma, Amid	Bibl. NT L
1196 Aug	Cambridge Add.1971		Sinjar*	Patr. S
1196 Sep	Sinai Syr. 257	M	*	Bibl. OT
1196/7	Add.12174 = <i>Cat.</i> 1123		Mon. Barsauma*	Hagiography
1196/7	Diyarbakir (Scher) 13	E	*	Bibl. NT L
1197 Oct	Dublin, Trinity Coll. 1512		B. Khudaida*	Patr. S
1198 Dec	Andover Sem. Harvard 325E	CLXVIII		Bibl. NT
1198/9	Paris Syr. 167		Mon. Barsauma	Liturgical

1199 Sep	Add.14733 = <i>Cat.</i> 1139		Sketis, Mon. Yoldat Aloho*	Hagiography
1199/1200	Harvard Syr. 4	E	Mt Qardu, Mon. Sabrisho*	Bibl. NT
1199/1200	Vosté, <i>Cat. NDS</i> , no.15	E	Mon. Hormizd	Bibl. NT
1200/1(?)	'Habouris ms.'	E	Mon. Gabrona	Bibl. NT
1200/1	Barsaum, <i>Srit.</i> I, 343	W		Bibl. NT L
1[2]01/2	Paris Syr. 35	W	Mon. Cross, Tur 'Abdin*	Bibl. NT G
1202/3	BL Or. 2695	E	Mon. Isho'yahb, B. Nuhadra*	Bibl. NT
1202/3	Paris Syr. 55	W	Mon. Elia, Amid*	Bibl. NT G
		LXXXVII		
1203 Jan	Dolabany, <i>CatChMon.</i> , 300	W		Liturgical
1203 Jan	Add. 7160	W	Mon. Napshatha, Edessa*	Bibl. NT
1203 Apr	Paris Syr. 31	W	Mt of Edessa*	Bibl. NT
		LXXXVIII		
1203 May	Barsaum, <i>Srit.</i> I, 185	W	Mon. Barsauma	Patr. S
1203/4	Berlin, <i>Verz.</i> 9	W	Mon. Abh[ai]	Bibl. NT
1203/4	BL Add. 7154	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Edessa*	Bibl. OT
1204 May	Damascus Patr. 8/11	W		Canon Law
1204/5	Add. 7184	W	*	Patr. S
1204/5	Bars. <i>Srit.</i> I, p.303-4	W	Mon. Qartmin	Liturgical
1204/5	Lund, ms 58	W	Tagrit*	Bibl. Mass.
1205/6	Cambridge, BFBS 446	E	Mon. Michael, Mosul*	Bibl. NT
1206 Feb	Paris Syr. 289	W	Mon. Barsauma	Bibl. L
1206/7	BL Egerton 681	E CLXIX	Mon. Hormizd.	Bibl. NT L
1207 Qaita	(olim Neesan)	E	Mon. Michael, Mosul*	Bibl. NT
1207/8	Diyarbakir (Scher) 10	E	Mon. Hormizd*	Bibl. NT
1208 Feb	Harvard Syr. 26	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Edessa*	Bibl. NT
1208 Jun	Harvard Syr. 141	E	Mon. Hormizd*	Bibl. NT L
1208 Oct	Vatican Syr. 78	M CLXXXV	Mon. Christopher, Saidnaya	Liturgical
1208/9	Dolabani, <i>CatDZ</i> , 90	W		Liturgical
1209 May	olim Jerusalem	W	Amid*	Bibl. NT L
1209/10	Harvard Syr. 14	W	Mon. Abraham, Ingil	Bibl. NT
1209/10	Dolabani, <i>CatJer.</i> , 187-9	W	Tel Besme*	Liturgical
1210 Sep	Barsaum, <i>Srit.</i> I, p.265	W		Liturgical
1210 Sep	Add.17232 = <i>Cat.</i> 371	W CXXXII	Sigistan*	Liturgical
1210 Sep	Vorlage of Cambr. Add. 1903	W	*	Bibl. NT
1210/11	Diyarbakir (Scher) 11	E	R. Hormizd*	Bibl. NT
1212/3	Pierpont Morgan 235	E	Zirine*	Bibl. NT
1213 Feb	Add. 21031 = <i>Cat.</i> 327	M	*	Liturgical
		CLXXXVI		
1213 Jun	Dam. Patr. 12/2	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Edessa*	Bibl. NT
1214 Feb	Vatican Syr. 82	M	Mon. Christopher, Saidnaya*	Liturgical

1214 Jun	Add. 18714 = <i>Cat.</i> 161	W	Mon. Malke, Tur 'Abdin*	Bibl. NT L
1214 Dec	Sinai Syr. 124	M		Bibl. OT
1215 May	Sinai Syr. 234	M	Batrumin, Tripolis*	Bibl. OT L
1215 Aug	Vatican Syr. 74	M	Mon. Christopher, Saidnaya*	Liturgical
1215 Dec	Vatican Syr. 20	M	*	Bibl. NT L
1216 Aug	Sinai Syr. 235	M	Gangra	Bibl. OT L
1217 Nov	Dam. Patr.12/11	W	Mon. Cross, Tur 'Abdin	Bibl. NT G
1217/8	Paris Syr. 46	W LXXXIX	Mon. Hnanya*	Bibl. NT
1217/8	Paris Syr. 32	E CLXX	Mon. Gabrona*	Bibl. NT
1217/8	Cambridge, Add. 2918	W	*	Patr. S
1217/8	Chester Beatty 4 < Mardin 8	E CLXXI	Mon. Jacob, B. 'Abc*	Bibl. NT L
1218 May	Add. 17229 = <i>Cat.</i> 207	W CXXXIII*		Liturgical
1218 Oct	Charfet, Sony 11	W	Mon. Mattai*	Bibl. OT
1218/9	Cambridge, Add. 1972	W		Patr. S
1(2)19/20	Chester Beatty 703	W CLXII		Liturgical
1220 Mar	Sinai Syr. 215	M	Saidnaya	Bibl. NT
1220 May	BL Add. 7155	W	Mon. Elia, Amid	Bibl. OT
1220 May	Vatican Syr. 559 [see 1260]	W	Mon. Mattai	
1220/1	Add. 14689 = <i>Cat.</i> 167	W	HRSYS*	Bibl. NT L
1220/1	Vorlage of Mingana Syr. 9	W	*	Patr. S
1221 Apr	Vorlage of Harvard Syr. 132 and of Mingana Syr. 559	W	Caesarea, Cappadocia*	Medical
1221/2	Sinai Syr. 140	M	*	Liturgical
1221 Sep	Dayr al-Surian Syr. 42	W	St Nicolas, Tripoli*	Liturgical
1222 Jan	Damascus Patr. 12/3 < Jerus.	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Edessa*	Bibl. NT L
1222 Jul	Add. 14711 = <i>Cat.</i> 320	M CLXXXVII	*	Liturgical
1222/3	Paris Syr. 365 < Siirt 14	E	Mon. Hormizd	Bibl. NT
1222/3	Add. 17253 = <i>Cat.</i> 353	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Liturgical
1222/3	Add. 17922 = <i>Cat.</i> 60	E CLXXII	*	Bibl. NT G
1223 Nov	Paris Syr. 297	E	Mon. Michael, Mosul	Bibl. NT G
1223/4	Paris Syr. 354.ii < Siirt 91	E	Mon. Qayoma*	Philosophy
1223/4	Vatican Syr. 471	E	Mon. 'Abdisho', Qom	Bibl. NT
1224 Mar	Dolabani, <i>CatChMon</i> , 99	W	Mon. Quryaqos	Liturgical
1224 Jul	Vatican, Borg. Syr. 133.ii	W		Liturgical
1224 Sep	Damascus Patr. 6/1	W	Mosul*	Medical
1224/5	Vorlage of Mingana Syr. 600	W	Mon. Mattai	Patr. S
1225 Jul	Sinai Syr. 208	M	Mon. Thellalios, Upper Mt*	Liturgical
1225/6	Paris Syr. 42	W	Cairo*	Bibl. NT G
1225/6	Vatican, Borg. Syr. 93			Bibl. NT L
1226 Aug	Harvard Syr. 3	E	Mon. Michael, Mosul	Bibl. NT L
1226/7	Mon. Mor Gabriel, Qartmin	W	Mon. Jacob, Salah* (for Hah)	Bibl. OT
1228/9	Vatican Syr. ? < Sinai	M	*	
1229 Jul	Add. 12143 = <i>Cat.</i> p.623	W	Melitene*	Patr. S
1229 Aug	Sinai Syr. 128	M	Mon. Symeon	Bibl. OT

			Styl.(Antioch)*	
1229/30	Mardin	W	Mon. Jacob, Salah*	Bibl. NT L
1230 Jul	Add. 14691 = <i>Cat.</i> 208	W CXXXIV *		Liturgical
1230 Jul	BL Or. 8729	W XCI	Mon.Yoldat Aloho, Edessa*	Bibl. NT L
1231 Jan	Sinai Syr. 143	M		Bibl. OT
1231/2	Paris Syr. 402	W	Mt of Edessa*	Bibl. NT
1232/3	Sinai Syr. 81	M	Mon. Elia, Antioch*	Bibl. NT L
1232/3	Sinai Syr. 121	M	*	Bibl. OT
1233/4	Add. 17124 = <i>Cat.</i> 42	W	Mon. Natpa*	Bibl. NT
1233/4	Ancestor of Mingana Syr.174	W	Mon.Antony	Hagiography
1233/4	Sinai Syr. 261	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1233/4	Vatican Syr. 464	W	*	Patr. S
1234 Oct	Vatican Syr. 147	W CXXXV	Mon. Barsauma, nr Mardin	Patr. S
pre 1235	Paris Syr. 359 < Mardin 46	E	Walton*	Patr. S
1235 Mar	Sinai Syr. 146	M		Liturgical
1235/6	Sinai Syr. 112	M	*	Bibl. OT
1236 Feb	Sinai Syr. 103	M	*	Bibl. OT
1236 Aug	Vatican Syr. 80	M CL- XXXVIII	Saidnaya	Liturgical
1236/7	Add. 14678 = <i>Cat.</i> 132	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis	Bibl. OT
1236/7	Damascus, Syr. Cath. Ch.	M		Liturgical
1237 Jul	Sinai Syr. 77	M	*	Liturgical
1237/8	Chaldean Patr. 1225	E	Baghdad*	Bibl. NT L
1238 Aug	Oxford, Bodl. <i>Cat.</i> no 65	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Edessa*	Liturgical
1238/9	Paris Syr. 112	W		Liturgical
1239 Feb	Siirt 114	W	*	Patr. S
1239 Mar	Add. 17246 = <i>Cat.</i> 307	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis	Liturgical
1240 Feb	Diyarbakir 57	E	*	Liturgical
1240 Jun	Sinai Syr. 258	W	Mon.Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Liturgical
1240/1	Berlin, <i>Verz.</i> no. 15	W	Mon. Jacob, Salah*	Bibl. NT L
1240/1	Sinai Syr. 256	E	*	Liturgical
1241 Aug	Sinai Syr. 242	M	Mon. Christopher	Bibl. OT
1242 May	Add. 21210 = <i>Cat.</i> 876	W CXXXVI	Mosul*	Patr. S
1242 Dec	Sinai Syr. 111	M	Mon.Yoldat Aloho, Black Mountain*	Liturgical
1242 Dec	Sinai Syr. 131	M	*	Liturgical
1243 Sep	St Petersburg, <i>Cat.</i> no. 22	E	Urmi	Bibl. NT L
1243/4 (?)	Vorlage, Tehran Issayi 18	E		Patr. S
1244 Jun	Assfalg, <i>Verz.</i> 6.ii	W		Bibl. NT
1244/5	BL Or. 5265	E		Bibl. NT
1245 Nov	Oxford, Bodl. <i>Cat.</i> no. 32	W	Mon. John, Sketis*	Bibl. NT G
1246 Dec	Vatican Syr. 194	E	Baghdad*	Patr. S
pre 1247	Vatican, Borgia Syr. 159	W	Qal 'at Romayta(?)*	Liturgical
1247/8	Add. 17257 = <i>Cat.</i> 141	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Bibl. OT
1248 May	Berlin, <i>Verz.</i> no. 25	W	Mon. Lazarus, Habsenas*	Liturgical
1248 Nov	Vatican < Sinai	M	Sinai*	Liturgical?
1248/9	BL Or. 2299	E	*	Liturgical

1248/9	Mosul (Scher) 71	E	*	
1249/50	Jerusalem, Patr. Gr. 37	E		Liturgical
1249/50	Barsaum, <i>Srit</i> . III, 438	W	Mon. Abai	
1251 Sep	Add. 17256 = <i>Cat.</i> 142	W XCII	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Bibl. OT
1252 Jan	Sinai Syr. 233	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1252 Jan	Paris Syr. 367.ii < Siirt 29	E	Mon. Sabrisho ⁴ , B. Qoqa*	Patr. S
1252 Sep	Vatican Syr. 81	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1253/4	Add. 17227 = <i>Cat.</i> 94	W	Mon. John the Small, Sketis*	Bibl. NT
1254 Feb	Sinai Syr. 88	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1254 Oct	Barsaum, <i>Srit</i> , 1, 336	W	Mon. Jacob d-Qarna	Liturgical
1254/5	Sinai Syr. 155	M		Bibl. OT
1255 Mar	Sinai Syr. 25	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1255 Jun	Sinai Syr. 64	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1255 Sep	Add. 14686 = <i>Cat.</i> 170	W XCIII	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Bibl. L
1255/6	Sinai Syr. 129	M	*	Liturgical
1255/6	Paris Syr 134	M	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Kaftun	Liturgical
1256 Jan	Sinai Syr. 212	M	*	Liturgical
1256 Jan	Add. 14687 = <i>Cat.</i> 172	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Bibl. L
1256/7	Add. 14715 = <i>Cat.</i> 380	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Liturgical
1257 Jan	Sinai Syr. 85	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1258 Jul	Sinai Syr. 237	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1258/9	Add. 14710 = <i>Cat.</i> 325	M	*	Liturgical
		CLXXXIX		
1259 Oct	Sinai Syr. 78	M	*	Liturgical
1259 Nov	Sinai Syr. 87	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1259/60	Berlin, Verz. no. 88	E CLXXIII		Philosophy
1259/60	Vatican < Sinai	M	Antioch	
1260 Feb	Sinai Syr. 157	M	Sinai*	Bibl. OT
1260 Feb	Sinai Syr. 159	M	Sinai*	Bibl. OT
1260 Apr	Sinai Syr. 98	M		Bibl. OT
1260 May	Vatican Syr. 559	W	Mon. Mattai	Bibl. NT L
1260/1	Jerusalem, Greek Patr. 9		Mon. George, nr Aleppo	Bibl. NT
1261 Apr	Sinai Syr. 220	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1261 Apr	Sinai Syr. 165	M	*	Bibl. OT
1261 Nov	Vatican Syr. 11	M	*	Bibl. OT
1261/2	Vorlage of St Petersburg, Cat. 41, Mosul (Scher) 26, and Urmia 218	E	Tabriz*	Patr. S
1262 Nov	Dam. Patr. 12/12 < Jerusalem	W		Bibl. NT L
1262/3	Add. 14701 = <i>Cat.</i> 278	W		Liturgical
1264 Jul	Paris Syr. 56	W CXXXVII	Mon. Mattai*	Bibl. NT G
1265 Aug	Sinai Syr. 90	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1265/6	Cambridge, Add. 1967	E		Bibl. NT
1266 Mar	Vatican Syr. 59	W Maron.		Liturgical
1266/7	Sinai Syr. 166	M	Sinai	Liturgical
1266/7	Sinai Syr. 222	M	Sinai*	Bibl. NT L

1267 Jul	Vatican Syr. 148	E	*	Patr. S
12[6]8 Jul	BL Or. 3336	E	Mon.Basima, Qardu	Patr. S
1268/9	BL Add. 7189	W	Mon. Mattai*	Patr. S
1271 Jun	Sinai Syr. 255	M	Mon. Jacob, nr Batroun*	Liturgical
1272? Dec	Sinai M71N	M	Sinai	Liturgical
1272/3	Dolabani, <i>CatDZ</i> , 141-3	W	Hisn Ziyad*	Bibl. NT L
1274 Jun	Sinai Syr. 245	M	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Kaftun*	Bibl. OT
1275	(not extant)	W	*	Patr. S
1275 Sep	Berlin, <i>Verz.</i> no. 138	W	Hisn Ziyad*	Bibl. NT
1275/6	Vorlage of Vatican Syr. 66	E	Hamadan*	Liturgical
1276 Jan	Harvard Syr. 27	E	Mon. Yonan, Piroz Shabur*	Bibl. NT
1276 May	Cambridge, Add. 2003	W	*	Patr. S
		CXXXVIII		
1276 Jun	Dayr al-Surian Syr. 39	W		Liturgical
1277 Jul	Vat. Borgia Syr. 133.II	W		Liturgical
1277 Aug	Dolabani, <i>CatJer.</i> , 247	W		Liturgical
1278 Aug	Florence, Laur. 230	W	*	Patr. S
1278 Aug	Sinai Syr. 253	M	BSha'le, Mt Lebanon*	Bibl. OT
1278 Aug	Sinai Syr. 158	M	Mon. Tuma al- Zabdani*	Liturgical
1278 Dec	Florence, Laur. 86	W		Patr. S
1278/9	Paris Syr. 155	W	Efkosia, Cyprus	Liturgical
1279/80	Berlin, <i>Verz.</i> no. 151	W	*	Liturgical
1279/80	(not extant)	E	Mon. Michael, Mosul*	Bibl. NT
1281/2	Dolabani, <i>CatJer.</i> , 218	W		Liturgical
1281/2	Sinai Syr. M19N	M	Mon. Paximata, Cilicia	Bibl. NT L
1282 Nov	Sinai Syr 116	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1283/4	Vatican, Borgia Syr. 132	W	Mon. Mattai	Patr. S
1284 Apr	Add. 17236 = <i>Cat.</i> 318	M CXC	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Kaftun*	Liturgical
1284 Sep	Sinai Syr. 156	M	Sinai	Liturgical
1284/5	Vorlage of Vatican Borg. Syr. 169	E	Sinjar	Bibl. NT L
1285 Aug	Vorlage of Mingana Syr. 310	W	Mosul	Patr. S
1286 Aug	Sinai Syr. 91	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1286 Oct	Sinai Syr. 123	M		Liturgical
1286/7	Kirkuk (Vosté) 1	E	Mon. Michael, Kfar 'Uzail	
1287 Dec	Mardin (Scher) 22	E	Mon. Augen*	Liturgical
1287/8	Sinai X9N	M		Liturgical
1288 Feb	Sinai Syr. 271	M	Sinai*	Bibl. NT L
1288 May	Sinai Syr. 207	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1288 Oct	Jerusalem, Greek Patr. 34	E		Patr. S
1288/9	BL Add. 7173	E	Artok(*)	Bibl. NT L
		CLXXIV		
1289 May	Alqosh 237 = Chald.Mon. Baghdad 680	E	Mon. Hormizd	Patr. S
1289 Aug	Sinai Syr. 272	M	Sinai*	Bibl. NT G
1290 Jan	Pampakuda 33	W		Patr. S

1290 Feb	Sinai Syr. 203	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1291 May	Trichur 64	E	*	Patr. S
1291 Sep	Vatican, Borgia Syr. 146	W		Patr. S
1291 Oct	Jerusalem, Mon. St Mark 208	W		Patr. S
1291/2	Mingana Syr. 81	M	*	Patr. S
1292 Jul	Add. 14699 = <i>Cat.</i> 304	W	Mon. Yoldat Aloho, Sketis*	Liturgical
		CXXXIX		
1292 Sep	Sinai Syr. 92	M	Sinai*	Bibl. NT
1292 Sep	Vat. < Sinai	M	Sinai*	
1292 Dec	Mosul (Scher) 99 = Vorlage of Mingana Syr. 156	E	Maragha*	Patr. S
1293 Mar	Sinai Syr. 83	M	*	Liturgical
1293 Jul	Sinai Syr. 227	M	Sinai*	Bibl. NT
1294 Mar	Sinai Syr. 236	M	Sinai*	Bibl. NT L
1294/5	Karamlais 1	E	Karamlais*	
1295 Mar	Sinai Syr. 210	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1295 Sep	Sinai Syr. 75	M	Sinai*	Bibl. NT
1295 Sep	Sinai Syr. 95	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1296/7	Sinai Syr. 217	M	Sinai*	Bibl. NT L
1297 Apr	Sinai Syr. 80	M	Sinai*	Liturgical
1297/8	Berlin, <i>Verz.</i> no. 182	W	Mon. Mattai	Patr. S
1297/8	Vorlage of Berlin, <i>Verz.</i> no. 83 and Mingana Syr. 212	E	Khlat*	Patr. S
1297/8	Charfet, Sony 181	W	Manzikert*	Patr. S
pre 1298	Paris Syr. 335	W?		Bibl. NT
1298 Mar	Vatican Syr 622 < Diyarb. 9	E	*	Bibl. NT G
1298 Dec	Dublin, Trinity Coll. 1504	W	*	Patr. S
1298/9	Vorlage of Mingana Syr. 47	W		Canon Law
1298/9	Sinai Syr. 169	M	Sinai	Liturgical
1299 Dec	Chicago A 11997	W		Patr. S
1299/1300	Urmi 194	E		Liturgical
1300 Mar	Dolabani, <i>CatJer.</i> , 237	W	Gozarto d-Qardu	Liturgical

Annotation

- 534 Jun Sinai Syr. 46: see Géhin 2007: 15.
- 586 For this famous manuscript, see now M. Bernabò (ed.), *Il Tetravangelo di Rabbula* (Rome, 2008).
- ‘613/4’ Hatch XL: Milan, Ambrosiana: Hatch’s date is incorrect, and the ms. is probably 8th cent.; see Géhin 2006: 15, and his ‘Reconstitution et datation d’un recueil syriaque melkite (Ambr.A 296 inf., ff.222-224 + Sinai Syr. 10)’, *Rivista di Studi Bizantini e Neellenici* 42 (2005), 51-68.
- 705 pre Damascus Patr. 12/25: Various dates in the early eighth century have been given for this important medical

- manuscript; for the date given here, see G. Kessel, 'The Syriac Epidemics (Damascus, Syriac Orthodox Patriarchate 12/25) and the problem of its identification', forthcoming.
- '719/20' Chester Beatty 701: although the colophon indeed gives AG 1031 (= AD 719/20), the scribe must have omitted the number for the hundreds, for the hand cannot be so early; furthermore, *pace* Hatch, the manuscript is quite a developed West Syriac Fenhitho, which implies a date several centuries later. To judge by the script illustrated in Hatch, it would seem most likely that the date should have been AG 1<5>31, i.e. AD 1219/20.
- 723 Apr BL Or. 8606: for the colophon, see R.W. Thomson, 'An eighth-century Melkite colophon from Edessa', *Journal of Theological Studies* ns 13 (1962), 249-58; cp also Géhin 2007: 14.
- 758/9 Sinai Syr. 38: see Géhin 2007:9 and 2009: 77.
- 759/60 Pierpont Morgan 236: The colophon gives AG 1061 and AH 142; that the latter must be the correct one is indicated by the mention of 'Mar Jacob, Catholicos Patriarch of the Church of the East', who reigned from 753-73. (The colophon also mentions Ephrem, bishop of Beth Nuhadra who is otherwise unrecorded).
- 779 Jul Sinai Syr. 30: for this date (rather than 698, as given in Hatch, XLVI, and elsewhere), see S.P. Brock, 'Syriac on Sinai: the main connections', in V. Ruggieri and L. Pieralli (eds), *Eukosmia. Studi miscellanei per il 750 di Vincenzo Poggi S.J.* (Soveria Mannelli, 2003), 106-7, note 16.
- 794 Jun Mosul 94: For this manuscript see R. Draguet, *Formes syriaques de la matière de l'histoire Lausiaque*, I (CSCO Scr. Syri 169; 1978), 47*-63*, 83*-93* (the ms. number is there given as 801, ex 94).
- 834 BL Or. 8731: the date is given incorrectly as AG 1045, rather than 1145; see A. de Halleux, 'Rabban Benjamin d'Édesse et la date du ms. B.L. Or. 8731', *IV Symposium Syriacum 1984* (OCA 229, 1987), 445-51.

- 837 Mar Sinai M45N: this is part of the famous manuscript of Sahdona, nothing of which had hitherto been known as still being in St Catherine's Monastery; see Géhin 2007:19-20 and S.P. Brock, 'New fragments of Sahdona's Book of Perfection at St Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai', *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 75 (2009), 175-8.
- 841 May See P. Kahle, 'The Chester Beatty manuscript of the Harklean Gospels', in *Miscellanea G. Mercati* 6 (Studi e Testi 126; 1946), 208-33.
- 867/8 Evidently once in Midyat; Dolabani gives no further information. Might this possibly have been the 'manuscript on parchment of the ninth century, containing a transliteration of the Greek Gospels in the Syriac letters', which O. H. Parry saw in Midyat, according to his *Six Months in a Syriac Monastery* (London, 1895), 211?
- 882 Mar 'Codex Syriacus Secundus': for this ms., originally belonging to St Catherine's Monastery, Sinai, see W. Strothmann, *Codex Syriacus Secundus* (Göttingen: Orientalforschungen, Reihe Syriaca 13; 1977).
- 886 Vatican Syr. 623: see Géhin, 2006: 33-4.
- 902/3 BL Or. 5021: see S.P. Brock, 'Notulae Syriacae', *Le Muséon* 108 (1995), 74-6, and Géhin 2009: 84-5, who identifies this as part of Sinai M54N.
- 917/8 See L. Depuydt, 'Classical Syriac manuscripts in Yale University Library', *Hugoye* 9:2 (2006).
- 928/9 For the problem over the date, see S.P. Brock in *Journal of Assyrian Academic Studies* 21:2 (2007), 20.
- 932 Apr For this ms., which consists of folios recovered from a binding, see A. Moberg, *The Book of the Himyarites* (Lund, 1924); the manuscript was in a private collection in Sweden, but was on sale in London in 2007.
- 932/3 Sinai M15N: see Géhin 2009: 75-6.
- 936+ Add. 14645: The date of 936 which Wright gives for the manuscript in fact refers to the date of the translation, from Arabic into Syriac, of the Life of John Colobos; since the copyist describes the circumstances of this, it is

- likely that he was writing shortly after 936; see S.P. Brock, 'Abbot Mushe of Nisibis, collector of Syriac manuscripts', in E. Vergani (ed.), (Milan), forthcoming.
- '938/9' Paris Syr. 169: as Zotenberg observed in his Catalogue, 'la date est fausse'.
- 991/2 Harvard Syr. 176: for this date, rather than 732 in Hatch XCV, see J.F. Coakley, *The Typography of Syriac* (London, 2006), pp.9-10.
- 994 Aug Damascus Patr. 12/9: for a description, see also Dolabany, *CatJer.*, 129-32.
- 1000 Nov Paris Syr. 154: cp also F. Nau, *Journal Asiatique* XI.5 (1915), 534-5.
- 1000 Nov Dam. Patr. 12/20: see Dolabany, *CatDZ.*, 23-37, and A. Vööbus, *Handschriftliche Überlieferung der memre-Dichtung des Ja'qob von Serug* (CSCO Subs 39; 1973), 95-8.
- 1014 Aug Mosul, Mar Tuma: see J. Leroy, *Les manuscrits syriaques à peintures*, I (Paris, 1964), 221.
- 1015 Jun Add. 12165: cp also A. N. Palmer, *Oriens Christianus* 70 (1986), 47.
- 1055 Jan Dam. Patr. 12/8: cp Leroy, *Les manuscrits syriaques à peintures*, I, 225-33.
- 1073/4? Add. 17923: see S.P. Brock in *Journal of Assyrian Academic Studies* 21:2 (2007), 22.
- 1126 Nov Mosul 4: the ms. is now Baghdad, Chaldean Patriarchate, 211: see R.J.V. Hiebert, *The 'Syrobexaplaric' Psalter* (Atlanta, 1989), 8-9.
- 1031 Aug olim Leuven G 151: this is one of the Sinai manuscripts from Hiersemann *Katalog 500* (1922), no. 34, which was destroyed in the Second World War.
- 1031 Aug Dam. Patr. 12/13: see Vööbus, *Handschriftliche Überlieferung*, I, 138-41; Dolabany, *CatDZ.*, 59-71.
- 1059 Apr Paris Syr/70: cp also F. Nau, *Journal asiatique* XI.5 (1915), 492-5.
- 1092/3 Vatican, Barbarini Or. 118: cp Leroy, *Les manuscrits syriaques à peintures*, I, 236-7.

- 1138 Feb Lyon 1: for a translation of the long colophon, see A.N. Palmer, *Oriens Christianus* 76 (1992), 77-82.
- 1138 Aug Paris Syr. 51: for a translation of the colophon, see Palmer, *Oriens Christianus* 76 (1992), 82-5.
- 1149 Sep Dam. Patr. 12/4: for a translation of the long colophon, see Palmer, *Oriens Christianus* 76 (1992), 85-90.
- 1177 Jul Dublin, Chester Beatty 3: for the colophons, see P.E. Kahle, 'The Chester Beatty Manuscript of the Harklean Gospels', in *Studi e Testi* 126 (1946), 208-33.
- 1180 For a report of this ms. see the *Quarterly Report of the Assyrian Mission* XXVII (1897), 147-9. It was written 'in the time of Patr. Elia and Mar Sabrisho' of Mergi and Amadya'.
- 1188/9 Vatican Syr. 51: see H. Kaufhold, 'Über Datum und Schreiber der Handschrift Vaticanus Syriacus 51', *Aram* 5 (1993), 267-75.
- 1200/1 'Habouris ms.': The final digit in the Seleucid date is unclear, and might be either (AG) 1512 or 1519 (AD 1200/1 or 1207/8; I was able to see the manuscript briefly before it was auctioned at Sotheby's London in July 1986).
- 1200/1 Barsaum, *Srit.* I, 343, where he gives AG 1512 for this illuminated manuscript from 'Ainwardo, and this should be accepted, rather than the date given by P. Harb, 'Unbekannte Handschriften in Tur 'Abdin', in *III Symposium Syriacum* (OCA 221; 1983), 350.
- 1204 May Damascus Patr. 8/11: this is the West Syriac collection of Canons published by A. Vööbus, *The Synodicon in the West Syrian Tradition* I-II (CSCO Scr. Syri 161-4; 1975).
- 1205/6 Cambridge, BFBS 446: this can be identified as the manuscript described, by I.H. Hall, 'On a manuscript of the Peshitto New Testament, with the Traditions of the Apostles', *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 14 (1890), Proceedings, lix-lxxxv.
- 1207 Qaita For this manuscript, dated AG 1518, 2nd Sunday of Qaita, see R. H. Gottheil, 'On a Syriac manuscript of

- the New Testament belonging to the Rev. Mr Neesan', *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 13 (1889), Proceedings, clxxxi-clxxxiii.
- 1209 May This manuscript was seen by A. Rücker on sale in Jerusalem in 1926: see his 'Bericht über einiger syrische Handschriften', *Oriens Christianus* III.2 (1927), 159-63.
- 1213 Jun See also Dolabany, *CatDZ*, 11-14; Barsawm, *Srit.* II, 42-57.
- 1217 Nov Dam. Patr. 12/11: see also Barsawm, *Srit.* II, 58-61.
- 1(2)19/20 Chester Beatty 701: see annotation to '719/20' for the revised dating.
- 1222 Jan Dam. Patr. 12/3: see Leroy, *Les manuscrits syriaques à peintures* I, 313- 20; Dolabany, *CatJer.*, 144-9.
- 1226/7 For this illustrated Gospel Lectionary, written for Hah, see Leroy, *Les manuscrits syriaques à peintures* I, 321-32; Dolabany, *CatDZ*, 143; and Barsaum, *Srit.* I, 132. (The AD date given by Harb, *III Symp. Syr.*, 352, is incorrect).
- 1229/30 For this illuminated manuscript, see the detailed description by I. Gülten in *Qolo Suryoyo* 13 (1980), 24-22 [sic]; also in brief Barsaum, *Srit.* I, 133 (vid.), ZA and in his *History of Tur 'Abdin* (Glane/Losser, 1985), 133.
- 1236/7 Damascus: for this Euchologion, see Baumstark, 'Syrische und syro-arabische Handschriften in Damaskus', *Oriens Christianus* 5 (1905), no. 49.
- 1237/8 Chald. Patr. Baghdad 1225: for this manuscript, see J-M. Fiey, 'Résidences et sépultures des patriarches syriaques orientaux', *Le Muséon* 98 (1985), 160.
- 1238 Aug For the illuminations, see L. Doumato, in *Cahiers archéologiques* 52 (2005/8), 57-61.
- 1243/4 For this manuscript, see A. Desreumaux, *Apocrypha* 5 (1994), 144.
- 1260 May Vat. Syr. 559. The AG date can be read as either 1531 or 1571, depending on whether the ambiguous third digit is read as a *lamadh* (= 30), or as an *'e* (= 70).

- Since the day of the week is given (Saturday), and the 'beginning' of the month May, the reading 1571 is probably to be preferred, since 1 May 1260 was indeed a Saturday. For the later date, but based on different criteria, see J.M. Fiey, 'Iconographie syriaque: Hulagu, Doquz Khatun... et six ambons?', *Le Muséon* 88 (1975), 59-68.
- 1267 Jul Vat. Syr. 148: See also P-G. Borbone, *Egitto e Vicino Oriente* 26 (2003), 74.
- 1268 Jul BL Or. 3336: The digit indicating the decade is damaged, and could be read as [arb]'in or [tesb]'in, as well as [shab]'in (i.e. AD 1238, 1288 are also possibilities); see S.P. Brock, *Hugoye* 6:2 (2009), 198.
- 1272 Sinai M71N. The scribe gives 'one thousand, seven hundred, eight hundred!' In Mother Philothea's catalogue this is taken as AM 6780, and converted to AD 1272, using the standard Byzantine world era; since some other Sinai manuscripts use the Alexandrian world era, the date by this would be AD 1288.
- 1272/3 Dolabany lists nine illuminations; the artist is Dioscorus, known from other illuminated manuscripts (e.g. Leroy, I, 371-83).
- 1278 Aug Florence Or. 230. For this manuscript, see also A. Sawma, *Gregory Barhebraeus' Commentary on the Book of Kings from his Storehouse of Mysteries* (Uppsala, 2003), 132-3.
- 1279/80 (not extant): according to a note in an East Syriac ms. in St. Mark's Monastery, Jerusalem, this manuscript was copied by 'Abdisho' of Soba himself, and was seen in the Monastery of St Michael (Mosul): see the translation by H. Kaufhold, Introduction to I. Perczel (ed.), *The Nomocanon of Metropolitan Abdisho of Nisibis* (Piscataway, 2005), xiii.
- 1284/5 For other descendants of this ms., see Kaufhold, Introduction to Perczel (ed.), *The Nomocanon*, xiii.
- 1285 Aug The scribe of Mingana syr. 310 states that the original was in Bar 'Ebroyo's own hand, and was dated 22

- Aug AG 1596 (= AD 1285), in Mosul (August is the month given by Mingana, but see H. Takahashi, *Barhebraeus, A Bio-Bibliography* (Piscataway, 2005), 252 who gives '11th Teshri I', i.e. October (see also p.251, on Damascus, Patr. 6/2, said to date from 1286).
- 1288/9 BL Add. 7173. For the date, see Wright, *Catalogue*, 1204.
- 1289 May The contents of this manuscript are given by J-M. Vosté, 'Recueil d'auteurs ascétiques nestoriens du VIIe et VIIIe siècle', *Angelicum* 6 (1929), 143-206.
- 1290 Jan Pampakuda 33. For this manuscript of Bar 'Ebroyo's Nomocanon, see H. Kaufhold, *Syrische Handschriften juristischen Inhalts in südindischen Bibliotheken* (Österr. Akad. Wiss., phil.-hist. Kl., Sb. 535 Band; Wien, 1989), 28-30.
- 1291 May Trichur 64. For this manuscript of 'Abdisho's Nomocanon, see H. Kaufhold, *Syrische Handschriften juristischen Inhalts*, 38-40, and his Introduction to the photographic reproduction, ed. I. Perczel, *The Nomocanon of Metropolitan Abdisho of Nisibis* (Piscataway, 2005).
- 1298 Mar Vat. syr. 622. For this manuscript, on blue paper, see P-G. Borbone, 'I Vangeli per la principessa Sara', *Egitto e Vicino Oriente* 26 (2003), 63-82.

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS

First of all, it is instructive to note the comparative figures for each century:

Century	No. of Mss	Syr. Orth.	Ch. East	Melk.
Fifth	6			
Sixth	45			
Seventh	16			
Eighth	23			
Ninth	45			
Tenth	26			
Eleventh	32	21	2	9
Twelfth	64	52	8	9
Thirteenth	235	107	49	79

The most striking feature here lies in the figures for the thirteenth century, significantly the time of the Syriac 'renaissance', which by far outnumber those of the other centuries; in this connection it should be noted that for the twelfth century, 52 out of the total 64 belong to the last four decades of that century; in other words, they too belong to the period of the Syriac 'renaissance'. The earlier part of the twelfth century, by contrast, belongs to one of the thinnest periods, with no representatives at all in the second and sixth decade of that century. The only other decades for which no dated manuscripts are attested are the sixth and seventh decades of the seventh century, and the seventh and eighth decades of the tenth century. By contrast, the sixth and ninth centuries are remarkably well represented; this is of especial significance as far as the sixth century is concerned, given the fact that many texts ceased to be copied, or copied in full, after about the eighth century.⁷

It is only from the eleventh century onwards that script is normally a reliable guide to ecclesiastical origin. For the previous centuries it is only contents and/or specific information provided by the colophon that can be used as a safe criterion. On these grounds the following can be safely identified as either Melkite or belonging to the Church of the East (there is only a single dated Maronite manuscript, of 1266, that survives from the period under consideration):

Church of the East (14 mss):⁸ 599/600, 614/5, 682, 699/700, 759/60, 766/7, 794, 861/2, 893/4, 899, 917/8, 928/9, 944/5, 981.

Melkite (9 mss): 723(Apr), 779, 817, 837 (Sinai Syr.), 882, 886, 917, 932/3, 933.

As for places where manuscripts were copied,⁹ it is remarkable that Edessa is so well represented, despite complete gaps for the

⁷ For this, see especially S.P. Brock, 'Without Mushe of Nisibis, where would we be? Some reflections on the transmission of Syriac literature', in R. Y. Ebied and H. Teule (eds), *VIIIth Symposium Syriacum = Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 56 (2004), 15-24.

⁸ For these, see in more detail S.P. Brock, 'Early dated manuscripts of the Church of the East, 7th to 13th century' [see note 4].

⁹ In the following, since the place is indicated in the list of dated manuscripts above, for manuscripts dated by the Seleucid era, only the year for Jan. to Sep. is given.

tenth, eleventh and first half of the twelfth century; those for the late twelfth and thirteenth century were almost all written in monasteries on the 'Mountain of Edessa'. Apart from two Melkite manuscripts (723, 837), all Edessene manuscripts are of Syrian Orthodox provenance:

Edessa (33 mss): 411, 474, 510, 528, 534, 541, 548, 553, 565, 723, 756, 775, 817, 822, 837, 866, 874, 1165, 1170, 1174(two), 1191, 1192(two), 1203(two), 1204, 1208, 1213, 1222, 1230, 1232, 1238.

Given that it has been the Dayr al-Suryan that has preserved a very high proportion of the surviving dated manuscripts of the fifth to thirteenth century, it is not surprising that it (or, in a few cases, another Egyptian monastery) has such a high number of manuscripts written there or elsewhere in Egypt:

Egypt (32 mss): 576, 816, 823, 888, 893, 903, 904, 927, 936, 936+, 957, 1049(?), 1081, 1085, 1101, 1102, 1172, 1199, 1223, 1225, 1234, 1237, 1239, 1240, 1245, 1247, 1251, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1292.

Also well represented are monasteries in the Melitene area, among which are four (1197, 1199, 1203, 1206) from the famous Monastery of Barsaumo):

Melitene area (15 mss): 993, 994, 1014, 1031, 1053, 1055, 1059, 1061, 1188, 1190, 1197, 1199, 1203, 1206, 1229.

Another famous monastery, that of Mar Mattai in north Iraq, is also quite well attested, all in the thirteenth century:

Mar Mattai (8 mss): 1218, 1220, 1225, 1260, 1264, 1269, 1284, 1298.

A certain number of manuscripts originate from monasteries in Tur 'Abdin:

Qartmin (Mor Gabriel Monastery) (3 mss): 770, 1182, 1205.

Other Tur 'Abdin monasteries (14 mss): 1165, 1184, 1188, 1194, 1195, 1204, 1202, 1214, 1217, 1227, 1230, 1241, 1248, 1254.

Of the East Syriac monasteries, two are quite well represented:

Mar Michael (6 mss): 1189, 1206, 1207, 1223, 1226, 1280

Rabban Hormisd (8 mss): 1074, 1200, 1207, 1208(two), 1211, 1223, 1289.

Some other famous monasteries are less well represented: Sabrisho': 767, 1200, 1252; Elia: 918, 929; Awgin: 1186, 1287; Beth 'Abe: 1218.

Since it is St Catherine's Monastery, Sinai, which has preserved the vast majority of surviving Melkite manuscripts, it is not surprising that no less than 34 were written there in the course of the thirteenth century, mostly from the second half of that century, and above all during its last two decades. Though 837 was written specifically for the monastery (then, Mar Mushe), the only manuscript prior to the thirteenth century written there was 886.¹⁰

An important scribal tradition, not only in Syriac, was located in monasteries on the Black Mountain, to the north west of Antioch (8 mss):¹¹ 933, 1023, 1031, 1041, 1045, 1056, 1069, 1242. A further important Melkite scribal centre was Saidnaya (7 mss): 1186, 1208, 1214, 1215, 1220, 1236, 1241; later, near the end of the thirteenth century, several scribes working on Sinai state that they came from Saidnaya (1291, 1292, 1293, 1295). Of some significance is the presence of three Melkite manuscripts written in the Monastery of the Yoldat Aloho in Kaftun (1256, 1274, 1284).¹²

It is also instructive to observe the changing contents of the manuscripts over the centuries. Employing the general categories of Biblical, Patristic (Syriac), Patristic (Greek), Hagiography, Liturgical, Canon Law, Medicine and Philosophy, we find the following figures (the total number of dated manuscripts is also indicated for each century):

¹⁰ For early Syriac connections with Sinai, see further S.P. Brock, 'Syriac on Sinai: the main connections', in V. Ruggieri and L. Pieralli (eds), *Eukosmia. Studi miscellanei per il 750 di Vincenzo Poggi S.J.* (Soveria Mannelli, 2003), 103-17.

¹¹ For manuscripts written on the Black Mountain, see S.P. Brock in R. Schulz and M. Görg (eds), *Lingua Restituta Orientalis. Festgabe für J. Assfalg* (Aegypten und Altes Testament 20; 1990), 59-67.

¹² For their interest, see R. Jabre Mouawad, 'Les mystérieux monastères de Keftun au Liban à l'époque médiévale (XII-XIIIe s.): maronite et puis melkite?', *Tempora* 12/13 (2001/2), 95-113. In recent years some important wall-paintings have been uncovered in Kaftun: see M. Immerzeel, *Identity Puzzles. Medieval Christian Art in Syria and Lebanon* (Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 184; 2009), 94-9.

Century + total mss	Biblical	Patr. Syr.	Patr. Gk	Hagiogr.	Liturgical	Canon Law.	Med. Philos- ophy
5 th 6	2	1	2	1	-		-
6 th 45	13	13	17	3	-	2	-
7 th 16	8	3	6	1	1	1	-
8 th 23	10	3	7	3	2	-	1
9 th 45	10	27	29	3	5	-	1
10 th 26	14	2	2	4	2	-	1
11 th 32	14	10	7	1	12	-	-
12 th 64	34	4	1	5	19	-	1
13 th 234	97	37	-	1	84	1	3

SOME NOTABLE TRENDS

Although dated manuscripts will constitute only a small proportion of the total number of surviving manuscripts for any given century, they are probably sufficient in number to allow us to observe certain general trends.¹³ Here, attention might be drawn to the following ones.

Biblical manuscripts provide a high proportion for each century, with half (or over) of the total number for the century in the seventh, tenth and twelfth century. Lectionary manuscripts first appear in the ninth century, and there is a notable cluster of ‘masoretic’ manuscripts in the late tenth and early eleventh century.

Up to the ninth century translations of Greek patristic writers preponderate over native Syriac authors, but in the ninth century they are nearly equally balanced. In the following centuries Greek writers are much less well represented, and disappear entirely in the thirteenth century. Manuscripts combining both Greek and Syriac authors are poorly represented except in the ninth century (when there are ten such manuscripts); this combination is completely absent from the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Although Syriac authors continue to be copied, with a quite high number in the thirteenth century, it is noticeable that, with the exception of Jacob of Serugh, these primarily concern writers of the ninth century and later.

Liturgy became increasingly common from the ninth century onwards; in the eleventh and twelfth centuries liturgical

¹³ See also the general remarks in ‘The Art of the Scribe’, chapter 8 in S.P. Brock and D.G.K. Taylor (eds), *The Hidden Pearl*, II. *The Heirs of the Ancient Aramaic Heritage* (Rome, 2001), 243-62, esp. 247-9.

manuscripts constitute approximately a third of the total for those centuries, while for the thirteenth century they are well over a third.

The numbers for the remaining categories are too low to discern any significant trends. It can be noted that, from the eleventh century onwards, the Melkite manuscripts are all either biblical (usually psalters) or liturgical.

Finally, it is interesting to note the different months in which manuscripts were completed (often, of course, the copying will have run over several months).¹⁴ The figures for the period up to 1300 are as follows:

Teshri I (Oct.):	16	Nisan (Apr.):	29
Teshri II (Nov):	18	Iyyar (May):	23
Kanun I (Dec.):	21	Hzirān (Jun.):	18
Kanun II (Jan):	17	Tammuz (Jul.):	30
Shbat (Feb.):	24	Ab (Aug.):	31
Adar (Mar.):	26	Illul (Sep.):	29
Total			
Winter months:	122	Summer months	160

Not surprisingly the total for the summer months, when daylight was significantly longer, is higher. What is surprising is the low figure for June (and comparatively low one for May); the significance of this is not (to me, at least) clear.

In conclusion it needs to be recollected that, especially once catalogues for several important Middle Eastern libraries become available, the present tentative checklist will undoubtedly need to be expanded, above all as far as the later centuries are concerned; nevertheless it is hoped that the present summary assemblage of materials will serve as a helpful initial basis for further studies.

¹⁴ This information is occasionally given by the scribe; a very informative modern colophon detailing this is to be found in the late Mor Julius Çiçek's beautifully calligraphed Gospel Lectionary, published in reproduced form by the Bar Hebraeus Verlag in 1987.