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**ON THE HISTORY OF THE BOOK REPOSITORIES
OF THE ST. ANDREW SKETE ON THE HOLY MT. ATHOS
AND THE TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY ON SOLOVKI**

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Abstract. The article presents little-known archaeological sources. First, it is the library and archive inventory (2017) of whilom Russian St. Andrew Skete on Mount Athos, prepared by the author of the article and Brother Vyacheslav, who is a novice of the Great Vatopedion monastery. Secondly, it is "Extracts from the inventory of the Solovetsky library" (1767), published by Archbishop Ignatius (Semenov) in 1844. Information about the history of Russian monasticism on Mount Athos, the landscape features, the remoteness from worldly life emphasize the spiritual kinship of Solovki and Mount Athos. The unity of the Orthodox faith in Greece and in Russia is embodied in the monastic book depositories and archives, for the study of which Archimandrite Leonid (Kavelin) did a lot.

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