Two Syriac Manuscripts in the Library of Selwyn College, Cambridge

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In the course of making an inventory of the F.S. Marsh papers in the Library of Selwyn College, Cambridge, I made the happy discovery of two Syriac manuscripts (= Syr. 1 and 2 below), along with a couple of letters in Syriac (= Syr. 3 and 4 below), and a slip, again in Syriac, with a list of eleven liturgical books (= Syr. 5 below). The two manuscripts are both unbound, and of the nineteenth century (Syr. 2 is dated 24th February, 1896), but are of different provenance.

Syr. 1, a nineteenth century Nestorian manuscript of the *Cave of Treasures* formerly belonged to the Reverend R.K. Roper², and it had been bought by him (for 9d!) at Southborough, near Tunbridge Wells (Kent), about 1920 ³.

Syr. 2, a Jacobite manuscript of 1896 containing the two anaphoras of St James, formerly belonged to the Reverend A.E. Suffrin⁴, and was presumably bought by him in Jerusalem, where the manuscript was written. Suffrin is also the addressee (« Sophronios») of the two Syriac letters, which were written by the monk Gabriel of St Mark's Monastery, Jerusalem, and are dated, respectively, the 10th June 1896 and the 20th December 1896. The first letter Syr. 3, concerns the payment for certain liturgical manuscripts copied for Suffrin⁵, while the latter describes the death, on Friday 20th September 1896, and funeral of the Metropolitan Grigorios Gurgis V⁶.

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² I am very grateful to the Reverend R.K. Roper for information on the provenance of this manuscript.

³ According to a letter to Marsh, found with the manuscript and dated December 1933, Roper had earlier bought a copy of Gutbir's Syriac New Testament with the bookplate of F.H. North from the same shop; North was thus possibly the previous owner of the manuscript.

⁴ Suffrin, a convert from Judaism of Romanian origin, and at this time curate in Hounslow (Middlesex), was later the author of several articles on Jewish subjects in Hastings' *Encyclopaedia* of *Religion and Ethics*.

⁵ The list of liturgical books (= Syr. 5) is perhaps connected with this.

⁶ The date badly conflicts with that given in the list of Syrian Orthodox Metropolitans of Jerusalem given by O. Meinardus in his article "The Syrian Jacobites in the Holy City", Orientalia Suecana 12 (1963) p. 82, where the dates for Grigorios Girgios Assadadi are given

Sur. 1

Nestorian, 19th century. 15.8×25.2 cms. Unbound. Paper. ff. 58 (numbered); also with Syriac pagination, \Rightarrow ((= f.5a) to \leftarrow (= f.57b). 8 gatherings (nos 1-7 of 8 folios, no 8 of 2 folios).

Single column of 21-22 lines; sparse rubrication. Lines and both margins ruled with a blunt point (vertical rulings 11 cms apart; lines .9 - 1 cm apart). Cave of Treasures.

ff.1-4 blank.

f.13b (= p. 4) After the words Krazk zak ku 120

(= Bezold, p. . line 3) the scribe has left a blank space.

f.14a (= p. 🕦) blank.

f.14b (= p. <) Towards the bottom of the page the text resumes with the words

(= Bezold, p. or line 4).

f.16a (= p. 12) K. 3.10 Kalk ple

= Bezold, p. o h line 10.

f.19b (= p. K) wihi ralk ple

= Bezold, p. va line 7.

f.30a (= p. 21) Khiha Kalk ple

= Bezold, p. 17 h line 4.

f.40b (p. 2) Kisiki an Kalk ple

= Bezold, p. 1 v & line 12.

f.43a (= p. w_) Keswi Kalk ple

= Bezold, p. Y. A line 6.

f.57b (= p. La) At the bottom of the page the text comes to an abrupt end, with the words (= Bezold, p. 779 line 16), some eight pages (in Bezold's edition) before the end of the work.

f.58a-b blank.

as 1877-85, and those of his successor, Grigorios Ephraem Assadadi as 1885-1908. Meinardus' dates are clearly very wrong here, as can also be seen from the colophon of Jerusalem, St Mark's Syr. 39, written in 1893 while Maṭran (= Metoropolitan) Gregorios Giwargis was still alive (see A. Baumstark, «Die liturgischen Handschriften des jakobitischen Markusklosters in Jerusalem», Oriens Christianus n.s. 1 (1911), p. 298.

Syr. 2

Jacobite, 24th February, 1896; Jerusalem. 13.9×21.3 cms. Unbound. Paper (watermark: five pointed star).

ff.60 (numbered); also with Syriac pagination, \prec (= f.2b) to σ (= f.54b).

6 gatherings of 10 folios each; gatherings numbered \prec to α at bottom of first and last folio of each gathering.

Single column of 14 lines; ample rubrication. Lines and both margins ruled with a blunt point (vertical rulings 8.6 cms apart; lines 1.1 cm apart). Liturgy of St James⁷ (Ordo communis; anaphoras I and II of St James).

1. Ordo Communis⁸ and Anaphora I (2b-29b)

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<First Service> (= Brightman, p. 69f.)

Gloria

Initial prayer, inc.

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3ª Ps 51; approach to altar; lighting of candles.

3^b Preparation of oblations

4b Proemion, inc.

معده لعد محم هنسجیم (5ª) ایم لیزلیم دمنی معدم دمنی کریم...

⁷ Abbreviations:

Brightman = F.E. Brightman, Liturgies Eastern and Western. I, Eastern Liturgies (Oxford, 1896).

Heiming = O. Heiming, Anaphora syriaca sancti Iacobi fratris Domini (in Anaphorae Syriacae, II.2 (Rome, 1953), pp. 105-79).

Raes = A. Raes, Anaphora syriaca minor sancti Iacobi fratris Domini (in Anaphorae Syriacae, II.2, pp. 181-209).

Rücker = A. Rücker, Die syrische Jakobosanaphora nach der Rezension des Ja'kob(h) von Edessa (= Liturgiegeschichtliche Quellen 4; Münster 1923).

⁸ For the varying structure of the *Ordo Communis* in Jacobite manuscripts, see P.E. Gemayel, L'avant-messe maronite (= OCA 174; Rome, 1965), pp. 145-201.

5ª Sedro, inc.

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5^b Qolo; 'etro; 'eqbo and alternative; Sanctus; Our Father.

6ª Huttomo, inc.

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محمنه دهنی ولمه معمه لم هندی ملمه دد. نصحم لقمل مددم مع مل مانمه ددیم....

Prayers for vesting

8ª Washing of hands

8b Prayer for self, inc.

9b Anamnesis, inc.

مردنده در مالم موزه ما در معمد معسل. مددنده مددنده دراه وزهم دراوی....

12ª Proemion, inc.

مراعا دونم با رسمعم (12b) معمدس لب دوم الماره

13b Censing

14ª Prayer, inc.

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المود درملم مورد محن

15ª Ma'nito of Severos

Prayer before Apostle, inc.

مدل هذبه محلمه لولقل ملحمة المادة

Prayer before Gospel, inc.

سمعان، محدی مصام مدنی را جد

15^b Rubrics for lessons

16ª Prayer after Gospel, inc. Kurs sar isl ml.

Sedro (text not given)

16b Censing

... Ke 10 Kis 210 . Ke 10 Kok 210

Sophia

Creed Creed (sic) Khreen

Prayer for washing of hands, inc.

... KARy Kis Lerk

17ª Prayer before altar, inc.

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17^b < Beginning of Anaphora > (texts of prayers up to ,,Let us stand aright" are omitted)

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Thanksgiving

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(= Rücker, p. 647-10)

18a Dialogue of Preface

.... משלא משל בשם נשת שמאם

(= Brightman, p. 85; Heiming, p. 140; Rücker, p. 8)

.... oh Kues, Kark Lal Kina

 $(= R \ddot{u} cker, p. 64^{12-13})$

(The following sections, up to and including the Anamnesis, are omitted; the scribe continues at once with:)

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(The ensuing sections up to the Fraction are likewise omitted, with the rubric:)

18b Prayer of Fraction, inc.

... משלמ אל שיש מים בים בים בים אות

(= Brightman, p. 99)

Another, attributed to Bar Salibi, inc.

19b Another, attributed to Jacob of Edessa, inc.

(= Brightman, p. 98)

20^a (The prayers before the Elevation are omitted)

محمن (mg) مرحم معمله الماله المحمد (mg) المحمد الم

(= Brightman, p. 101; Heiming, p. 174; Rücker, p. 52)

20b Elevation

(= Brightman, p. 101; Rücker, pp. 52, 72)

21a Rubrics for Communion; three pre-communion prayers (= Brightman p. 102)

21^b Communion prayers (= Brightman, p. 103)

21b-23a Prayers for communion of priests and people

23ª (Thanksgiving and Inclination sections are again abbreviated)

23b Dismissal

... Koles alai

(= Brightman, p. 106)

24a-28b Ablutions (given in full, including the texts of Pss xxvi (26a-b) and xxix (26b-27a); = Brightman, pp. 106-9).

28b Colophon

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28b-29b Eulogia

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(= Brightman, pp. 109-110)

2. Diaconale (29b-43a).

29b Title

المحنام معتدی دمن مهادی دهن دهنی.

... (= Brightman, p. 77)

30a Acts and Epistles (cp Brightman, p. 78)

30b Post Gospel

سا منه (31°) و تعم مخنع : معلی مدیم عامعه در معامد الحمام : معامد ما در معامد الحمام : معامد ما در معامد الحمام

31a Saints' days

31b Dominical feasts

פול מוא מוערנא...

32ª Creed

37a

33ª Peace; Let us stand aright

34ª During Epiklesis

دنددن, مم «سام...

(= Rücker, p. 66^{5f})

34a-37a Intercessions I-VI9

(= Rücker, pp. 66-72; Brightman, pp. 89-95)

(= Brightman, p. 96; Rücker, p. 72^{3f})

(= Brightman, p. 90; Rucker, p. 1202)

37ª Catholica _____alakco

⁹ In I the Metropolitan Grigorios (of Jerusalem) is specifically named: Lar 200 In V the following names are mentioned: ... James, Ignatius, Clement (supralinear), Dionysios, Athanasios, Iulios, Basil, Gregory, Dioskoros, Timothy, Philoxenos, Anthimos, Iwannis, Cyril, Severos, Jacob Baradaeus, Ephrem, Iacob, Isaac, Balai, Barşauma, Simeon Stylites, Abḥai.

38b Our Father

39a Inclination

....אואיזו אמשים שום לש

(= Rücker, p. 72^{6f}) Elevation

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(= Brightman, p. 101; Rücker, p. 7611f)

39b Communion

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40ª Responses

40^b Inclination (= Brightman, p. 105; Rücker, p. 74^{of}) (After dismissal prayer)

41a Colophon

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Tboroto of Jacob of Edessa

42b Prayer of Mar Ephrem on wiping the chalice

درهه الازمونم دون هنه دمهوم السلام لحلهم سقدر....

(= Brightman, p. 107)

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3. Miscellaneous prayers (43a-44b)

43a Alternative prayer for Maunday Thursday

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43b Alternative prayer for Holy Saturday

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LEECILON EULES CEOG....

4. Anaphora II (,Small Anaphora') of St James (44b-54a)

44b Title

Historical note on origin of Anaphora 10

¹⁰ Similar historical notes are found in several manuscripts of the Anaphora (see Raes, p. 188). The wording here is almost identical to that found in Paris syr. 82 (c. 1599, Cyprus (vid.)). The specification that this anaphora is to be used by newly ordained priests appears not to be included in other manuscripts of the anaphora (no mention of it at least in Raes).

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ישט בעם אשר אישים ביאי אפין אישים ייייי ביאין

(= Raes, p. 206)

53b Prayer of Inclination Prayer of Thanksgiving

...кіх уд нах каль Ізаст кад коль (= Raes, p. 208)

¹¹ No names are specified in I. At the *Tloyto* of VI (f.51°) the margin has a note reading "Remember, O priest of God, the sinner who wrote (this), the monk Shem'on". Similar marginal notes are found in other manuscripts at this point (see Raes, p. 204), although usually the scribes remain anonymous.

54^a Prayer of Inclination

... משבשאם משו משול מוחש

(= Raes, *ibid*)
Blessing

معم دادها، دست دنه لدل ملم وباز لدل درون مونه ادل مدنه ادرا مدن ادرا مدرا مدن ادرا مدرا مدن ادرا مد

5. Colophon (54b)

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By the might and help of our Lord Jesus Christ this small book is finished and completed; it contains the services which priests and deacons use in the liturgy, along with the small anaphora of Mar Jacob the apostle, brother of our Lord. It was written at the command of our father, Mar Grigorios, Metropolitan of Jerusalem, who is $(sic)^{12}$ the feeble Gurgis; and his disciple, the monk Shem'on Sharwaya, gave me the order and I wrote it; and its completion took place on the 24th of February, of the Christian year 1896, in the holy city of Jerusalem, and in the monastery of us Syrians, the first Orthodox — (the monastery) which is the house of Mary the mother

¹² This is a very surprising mode of reference, and one that scribes normally reserve for themselves. The letter, Syr. 4 below, however speaks of Metropolitan Gregorios as 'Gurgis V', and so there can be no doubt that the scribe is referring to the Metropolitan here. The vexatious adjective must simply refer to the Metropolitan's long illness, referred to in the letter.

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of John surnamed Mark, as it is written in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 12¹³.

Syr. 3

Letter on ruled paper (22.9×29 cms) from the monk Sharwaya Gabriel, of St Mark's Monastery, Jerusalem, to the Reverend A.E. Suffrin («Sophronios»), dated 10th June 1896.

The letter is in reply to one received from Suffrin, and refers to various liturgical manuscripts copied for Suffrin and send via the priest Joseph GML, and asks for further payment and instructions. A post-script asks for the "history of Mar Thomas and Thekla, and another book I wrote to you about" to be sent.

Syr. 4

Letter on ruled paper (19.9 \times 25.4 cms) from the monk Gabriel Sharwaya, of St Mark's Monastery, Jerusalem, to the Reverend A.E. Suffrin ("Sophronios"), dated 20th December 1896.

The letter gives the news of the death of the Metropolitan, is is)

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Syr. 5

List, on one side of folded sheet of paper (22.9 \times 29 cms), of eleven liturgical services, given in the order of the liturgical year (beginning with the Blessing of the Water at Epiphany).

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¹³ Richard Pococke, who visited the monastery in 1737, characterises it in very similar terms: "the house of Mary, the mother of Mark, to which St Peter went when he was delivered out of prison" (A Description of the East, (London, 1745), II, p. 9).