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Jerguš OLEJÁR: *Cyrl Jeruzalemský a Martin Luther
Život, dielo a teológia Cyrila Jeruzalemského v porovnaní
s teológiou Martina Luthera*
(Cyril of Jerusalem and Martin Luther
Life, Works and Theology of Cyril of Jerusalem
in Comparison with Martin Luther's Theology)
Liptovský Mikuláš: Tranoscius, 2009, 144 pp.

A book written by a Slovak theologian and Lutheran pastor Jerguš Olejár in 2009, is divided into two parts. The first one is a historical account of the times, life, and works of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem. The second part of the book constitutes a systematic scholarly work about the theological thought of Cyril of Jerusalem and Martin Luther.

In the beginning Olejár explains why he decided to compare these two theologians who lived in completely different centuries. There are many reasons, but the major one seems to be that Cyril brought his preached theology into life in a very difficult period of history. Yet, the period of Martin Luther's life was problematic, too. On the one hand Edict of Milan was issued by Cesar Constantin, which released Christianity from the previously suffered persecutions. On the other hand, however, there were intricate theological disputes about Christian dogmas taking place at the time. According to the author, in terms of the degree of dogmatic controversy, the historical period in question was comparable with the historical period of the 16th-century Reformation.

Another reason for juxtaposing Cyril of Jerusalem with Martin Luther are particular roots of Luther's thought. Martin Luther was powerfully inspired by the Early Church Fathers, one of whom was Saint Cyril of Jerusa-

lem. One may easily pinpoint this influence in his teaching on Christology. Yet, Cyril's Christological teaching is not the only foundation for father of the Reformation. One may enumerate here also the teaching about Trinity, teaching about the Sacrament of Baptism and Sacrament of Eucharist. And another common denominator is the fact that both the discussed theologians based their works on the Holy Scripture. The Bible was the primary source for both of them. They obviously considered it to be *norma normans* which is a basis for judging other principles, and it is called *norma normata* in theology.

Jerguš Olejár's *Cyril Jeruzalemský a Martin Luther* makes for a very enjoyable and rewarding read. The author puts forward a very fresh view of of Christianity and the history of Christian dogmas. What makes his book especially worthwhile, however, is an opportunity to better understand the Wittenberg chapter of the Reformation. This benefit was absolutely exceptional the year when the Jubilee of Reformation is celebrated.

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