THE PROBLEM OF NATIONAL IDENTITY IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL CATHOLIC CULTURE OF AUSTRIA OF THE XVIII CENTURY

The purpose of the article is to consider the development of the ecclesiastical culture of Catholic countries (Austria, Germany, Poland) on the example of Austria of the XVIII century. It is important to point out and analyze the specific features of the Austrian national culture and its uniqueness in the hierarchical system of the world religious cultures. Methodology. To achieve this purpose, the following logical and semantic research methods were used: historical-dialectical (for the analysis of historical and cultural processes in Austria of the mentioned period), literary studies (for the consideration of church liturgical works) and a method of theoretical generalization that allows us to consider the Austrian church art in the context of the ecclesiastical culture. Scientific novelty. Despite the existence of a number of studies devoted to Catholic culture in the field of art and culture, in Ukrainian science this topic did not become the subject of a comprehensive study. The connection between the European and Ukrainian ecclesiastical traditions is important for understanding the Catholic national culture and art. This led to the choice of the topic of this work. Conclusions. A specific feature of the Catholic ecclesiastical culture is its confessional differentiation. It was formed under the influence of the historical and geographical conditions of the society. The Austrian national component in the ecclesiastical culture of Catholic countries as a system of aesthetic national values is closely linked with the establishment and preservation of Catholic national traditions. This means that Austrian church art and ecclesiastical culture are important components of the hierarchical system of religious culture, which main value lies in the socio-reproductive creative activity of artists in the sphere of consciousness. This in its turn is closely related to the transcendental sphere of activity, as well as to the high artistic level and artists’ skills. That’s why, like in other national cultures, the ecclesiastical culture of Austria has a national-religious character.

Key words: Catholic church; national identity; religious character; ecclesiastical culture; Austrian reforms; secularization; Sociology.

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Introduction. Sociocultural field of Europe of the late XX-early XXI century is defined by changes in social and public status of religion, increasing the impact on art, lifestyle and morality. Religion means preserving of national and spiritual values of the people and an important part of the ecclesiastical culture; that’s why cultural research takes the problem of correlation between culture and religion.

The main part. The Catholic Church and culture are ideologically interrelated, as the cultural heritage of the people is the criterion of its national identity. Many researchers (A. Kartaschev, A. Richynsky and others) believe that culture has always had and now has a national, individually-ethnic form and content; only national culture is able to make a contribution to the treasury of world cultures. [4, 14]

Myhailo Hrushevsky, historian, social and political statesman, develops the Ukrainian idea, including the impact of national origin on the religion, in the context of the European cultural tradition. M. Hrushevsky wrote in his time about resolving the “eternal” problem of relations with international and national, about the folk poetry on the theme of Mary at the cross, recorded in Volhynia. The scientist noted: “Having catholic parallels, west slavic songs about the blessed Virgin Mary in Ukrainian musical versions, obviously, come out from the song about the widow, who is searching for her son. Our Mater dolorosa is a variant of the mourning widow in general”. [2]

The history also proves that each nation, each ethnus gave birth to their own system of beliefs, their culture, which was an integral part of an interwoven religious community. The uniqueness of national cultures largely depends on the peculiarities of the vision of the world, the creation of national images of peoples. Therefore, modern researchers are trying to understand such phenomena as religion and culture, to understand the specific features of the national character and the language, the national soul that have spawned culture of people, religion and language.

The spiritual life of the people is always a reflection of ecclesiastical art, that in the system of national aesthetic values, defined by traditions of people.

The correlation between religious and national in the life of the people is reflected in the works of the famous Ukrainian public figure Arsen Richynsky (1892-1956), who is the author of the collections of ecclesiastical chants for rural choirs under the title “The popular singing in Ukrainian church” to facilitate religious worship of the national language. A. Richynsky gave his vision of the combination of church and the national, as the basis of high cultural and spiritual level and mastery of the ordinary people. Indeed, as in other national cultures, the spiritual culture of Austria has a national-religious character. 

Key words: ecclesiastical church; national identity; religious character; cultural heritage; Austrian reform; secularization; Baroque.
Until the XIX century in all existing societies religion served as a basis for the forming of outlooks and culture. However, the society of that time has a little tendency to develop a world view, independent from the religious symbols and myths.

As a result of a long historical process all spheres of social life have been separated from religiously implied style of society’s life, with its culture, built on a religious basis. Nevertheless, at that time, the religion itself turned into the only sphere of society life, whereas previously it was a unifying force and existed next to the art, science and philosophy.

The Austrian national culture as one of the components of the European culture of peoples was a reflection of secular and religious life of the society of above mentioned era. The Austrian Church of the second half of the XVIII century was closely connected with the policy of the State, the cause of which was a new wave of secularization. In its turn this phenomenon was due to the strengthening of the Enlightened absolutism.

The monar chs, who carried out this policy, portrayed their Government as a Union of Kings and philosophers. Its content was the destruction or conversion of the "top" of the most outdated feudal orders, i.e. in the idea of secular state, in attempt of the absolutism to put secular central power above all.

Following the views established by the tradition, the Enlightened absolutism has brought new understanding of the state and public authorities which fully enjoyed their rights and responsibilities.

The Habsburg dynasty has always remained at the world political arena and was famous for bravery and entrepreneurship. They are considered to be the real founders of the Austrian monarchy as a great powerful state. Habsburg ancestry can be traced back to the middle of the X century when in Argau lived their first known ancestor — Guntram the Rich. This dynasty sought to combine "crushed" monarchy, relying on the principle of single religion. So Habsburgs invariably have acted exactly as the defenders of the Catholic Church. In its turn the confession solidarity provided Austria with the help of Spain and Rome.

The historical period which is considered in this paper is also one of the most glorious pages of the Habsburg dynasty. This period in the Austrian life of the XVIII century is considered as the reigning of two monarchs: Maria Theresa (reigned in 1740-1780) and her son Joseph II http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=uk&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2F65.55.108.4%2Fbvsandbox.aspx%3F%26Io%3DSS%26di%3Duk%26from%3Duk%26t%3Den%23_fi n3 (solely reigned in 1780-1790). Economic and political weakness of the Habsburg monarchy which appeared in particular through numerous wars in the middle of the XVIII century forced the Austrian absolute Government of Maria Theresa to embark on the path of economic and administrative reforms. According to the researchers, her son Joseph II was more radically minded reformer. He broke away with the policy of his predecessors and made a brave attempt to radical transformation of the entire system of Austria in the spirit of the philosophy of the XVIII century. [5, 118]

Very important for Austria were judicial reforms. So litigations were proclaimed exclusively for the prerogative of Government.

Reforms were carried in the sphere of education too. In the XVIII century the importance of education was recognized as an axiom. The Empress Maria-Theresa considered the Austrian school system as exemplary; in her resolution of 28 October, 1770 she insisted: "the School will remain forever the governmental affair" ("einpoliticum"). Due to the progressive activity of Maria Theresa’s Minister of Education – Gerard van Svi ten – the education system has largely been changed. In a definite period of the administrative structure of the school was governed by the Court Commission; privileged noble schools were closed. However the number of vocational schools has been increased in five times.

It is also important that in the second half of the XVIII century in Austria dominated the “Latin schools” where all subjects were taught in Latin. In all cities and villages “trivial school” (“Trivial-Schulen”) were founded, in which three subjects: reading, letter and elementary counting were taught. At this time there were also the “normal schools” (“Normal-Schulen”) which performed functions of teaching seminaries. There existed the Austrian “high school” (“Haupt-Schulen”) too. At the end of Maria Theresa’s reigning in Austria there were 15 “normal”, 83 “main”, 47 women’s schools and 3848 “trivial” (vocational schools) in which more than 200000 students studied.

The University of Vienna during the reigning of Empress Maria Theresa was the newest educational institution where at first the question about the serious study of the natural sciences arose. In the second half of the XVIII century there were philosophical, medical, protestants-theological and Catholic-theological faculties. As in the other educational establishments which belonged to the Church, the main subjects continued to be theology, philosophy, law, Latin and Greek. Interesting is the fact that in 1778 in Austria the representatives of other confessions were allowed to get the degree of Doctor. According to modern scholars of the history of Austria, the aim of this important event was distraction of young scientists-theologians from scholastics, contributing to the salvation of souls. It was carried out for the benefit of the valid Government. At the end of the XVIII century studying of Church law was moved from the Theological Faculty to Law Faculty, which could testify to the benefits of secular power over the spiritual one. Moreover in 1847, after several fruitful attempts, the Austrian Academy of Sciences was founded. Due to the reforms in high schools and universities arose a question about the serious study of the natural-historical subjects for the first time. [14]
The reforms which took place in the Austrian society (and the State as a whole), were concerned with the Church policy: they can rightly be considered reforms of the Catholic Church. [1]

One of the peculiarities of the ecclesiastical art of that period naturally was its clear functional direction – formation of a positive atmosphere in parishes with the purpose of expansion of influence. Baroque style became popular and widely used during Counter-Reformation in Temple architecture (and not only), which differed from the particular splendor (structure Jesuits).

The artistic style of Baroque, originated in Italy, has spread in Spain, Portugal, France, Flanders, then in Germany, Austria and England. Baroque covered various areas of spiritual and cultural life: architecture, music, painting, literature, decorative art, philosophy etc. In the Baroque epoch the impact of the Church and State on the development of music was extremely great. But at the same time is a well known fact that the fate of many composers and their status greatly depended on the commitment and attitude to the music of the court where they served. The composers-musicians looked for places in the cities or in courts where their music was popularized and flourished under the patronage of noble personality.

In architecture, fine and decorative art the Baroque style was one of the major stylistic tendencies since the late XVI to middle of the XVIII centuries. The Baroque style was recognized in the era of intensive development of nations and national states (mainly the absolute monarchies), the flourishing of manufacture production and at the same time strengthening of the feudal Catholic reaction. The Baroque with its brightness and charm is closely related to the monarchy, the aristocracy and the Church, because at first it was intended to glorify and promote their power. However, this style reflected the new ideas about the unity, infinity and diversity of the world, about its dramatic complexity, eternal variability, interest in the environment, to the natural phenomena. Having rejected inherited from the Renaissance culture of images about harmony and strict laws of existence of the unlimited abilities of human, his will and mind, the aesthetics of Baroque style was created on the contrast of the person and the world, ideal and sensual beginnings, mind and power of irrational forces. [5]

The Austrian art of the XVIII-century (more than Italian and French) was associated with the strengthening of its political situation among European countries and above all Germany. After the loss of the real power of the Holy Roman Empire namely Austria became the successor which is already in the XVI century to the Habsburg lands annexed the Czech Republic, Hungary, Silesia, part of Polish, Western Ukrainian and Italian lands. The suppression of national-liberation movement at these lands and the victory over the Turkish Ottoman Empire made Austria in the XVIII century one of the strongest and most influential European powers. All these was reflected in the dynamic development of the country's capital – Vienna. So the architectural view of the city mainly determined the Baroque buildings of the XVIII century: residences, palaces and churches.

At the beginning of the XVIII century in Austrian art especially significant was notable the Italian influence. When in the past appeared the Turkish threat in the cities of Empire of Gabsburg the intensive construction was begun. Invited in a greater way from Italy masters taught the local designers and builders of churches and palaces. It should be noted that the architects did not only imitate samples of Italian architecture but also tried to create the Austrian national traditions in art. Many masterpieces of that time belong to the best examples of Austrian architecture.

The Baroque style found also its bright and appropriate representation in paintings, graphics and sculptures. In the Catholic cathedrals paintings evoke the feeling of staying in the world of sacral relics and higher content in parishioners' hearts. Everywhere in the cathedrals were distributed huge altar paintings in which various biblical scenes were depicted. [13, 174]

The Catholic Austrian culture in the XVIII century was religious in content and reflected the life of the society in the epoch of the Enlightened absolutism. The church life was closely connected with the Catholic religious creativity of artists, embodied through the prism of Baroque traditions.

Conclusions. A specific feature of the Catholic ecclesiastical culture is its confessional differentiation. It was formed under the influence of the historical and geographical conditions of the society. The Austrian national component in the ecclesiastical culture of Catholic countries as a system of aesthetic national values is closely linked with the establishment and preservation of Catholic national traditions. This means that Austrian church art and ecclesiastical culture are important components of the hierarchical system of religious culture, which main value lies in the socio-reproductive creative activity of artists in the sphere of consciousness. This in its turn is closely related to the transcendent sphere of activity, as well as to the high artistic level and artists' skills. That's why, like in other national cultures, the ecclesiastical culture of Austria has a national-religious character.

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