

## Catena Catalogue: About

Catalogue

This Catena Catalogue was produced by the European Research Council [CATENA Project](#) (Commentary Manuscripts in the History and Transmission of the New Testament, funded by the European Union Horizon 2020 Programme under Action No. 770816), based at the Institute for Textual Scholarship and Electronic Editing (ITSEE) at the University of Birmingham.

The persistent identifier for this database is <https://purl.org/itsee/catena-catalogue>, which should be cited in publications.

The data was collected by Dr Georgi Parpulov, who was also responsible for the printed catalogue: Georgi R. Parpulov, [Catena Manuscripts of the Greek New Testament: A Catalogue](#) (Texts and Studies 3.25; Piscataway NJ: Gorgias Press, 2021). The catalogue is published in Open Access and is available from the [University of Birmingham Institutional Research Archive](#). The database was programmed by Liam Carrington and Dr Catherine Smith.

This online Catalogue lists all Greek manuscripts with catenae on the Gospels, Epistles, or Acts, in the form of frame catenae, alternating catenae, or occasional marginal scholia. It does not provide full coverage of catenae on Revelation. Although the printed catalogue only comprises manuscripts copied prior to the sixteenth century, later manuscripts are included in this database. Numerous updates have been introduced into this online Catalogue, reflecting the release of new images, revised identifications of catenae, and changes to the CPG system of classification. Such changes are usually recorded in the 'Notes' section of individual records, in order to assist users of the printed Catalogue.

The opening view presents all records synoptically.

- GA refers to the Gregory-Aland number assigned to manuscripts of the Greek New Testament. Further details of content, codicology and bibliography for these manuscripts as well as links to online images are presented in the link to the electronic *Kurzgefasste Liste* hosted at the [New Testament Virtual Manuscript Room](#) (NT.VMR) at the INTF, Münster.
- Diktyon presents the unique identifier of manuscripts in the [Pinakes database](#), which also offers extensive bibliographical and codicological information.
- Parpulov indicates the class to which the manuscript has been assigned in the [printed catalogue](#). The first letter(s) indicate the portion of New Testament text; the groups are ordered by the following number.
- The contents column uses the standard abbreviations for portions of the New Testament: e = Gospels, a = Acts, c = Catholic Epistles, p = Pauline Epistles, r = Revelation. Where only parts of these portions are present, this is indicated using the format of the *Kurzgefasste Liste* (e.g. 'e: Mt' is a manuscript which only contains Matthew). The [search function](#) enables searching for catenae on individual biblical books. So searching for 'Mark' will only return manuscripts with a catena on Mark, not manuscripts which contain Mark without a catena.
- The CPG column provides the sigla assigned to the commentaries in the *Clavis Patrum Graecorum*, with links to the records in the [Brepols Open Access Clavis Clavium](#), where further information is provided about these types. Most catenae begin with C, although other works simply have a number (e.g. CPG 4424 for the Commentary on Matthew by John Chrysostom). Some later authors such as Euthymius Zigabenus and Theophylact do not have full entries in the CPG, although it should be noted that CPG C167 is Theophylact's commentary on Paul.
- Links to images in addition to those in the NT.VMR are provided in the final column. Many of these are made available by holding institutions.

Clicking on the 'view' link on the far left opens individual records. These include more information about the location of further images and the contents of the manuscript.

The Filter option at the top of the synoptic view permits the searching of the database based on a single criterion (e.g. manuscripts in London, or a single GA number). The field should be selected from the drop-down list by clicking on 'Field for filter', and the criterion entered in the box to its right. An asterisk \* may be used as a wildcard at the beginning or end of the text entered in the criterion box.

The [search function](#) permits the identification of specific records or groups using more complex or multiple criteria. The fields are selected through drop-down menus, and the criteria should be typed into the search box to their right, which provides automatically completed text from the database. It is possible to search for more than one criterion in a single field (e.g. manuscripts which contain the C110.1 and the C130 catenae) by using the OR button to provide another box on that line. The addition of criteria in other fields is done through the AND button (e.g. catena manuscripts from the 10th century in Paris).

The 'Show/hide results display options' permits users to specify the fields they wish to see and the way in which the results are ordered. If a search only identifies one match, the single record is presented by default.

The search results (and synoptic view) can be ordered by clicking on the arrows to the right of the titles of each column. The 'Download' button allows the export of results as a TSV (tab-separated values) file, which can be opened in a plain text editor or a spreadsheet. Hint: opening this file directly in Microsoft Excel can result in encoding errors. If so, open the file in a text editor, and then copy and paste the data into a new Excel spreadsheet.

The database may be navigated by clicking on the grey words in the 'breadcrumb' trail at the top left of the page.

This database was initially released on 26th May 2021 (version 1.0).

The current version is 1.1, updated on 10th June 2022. Updates to individual records are being made on a continuous basis.

Any corrections to the records or questions about the database should be sent to [ITSEE](#).

