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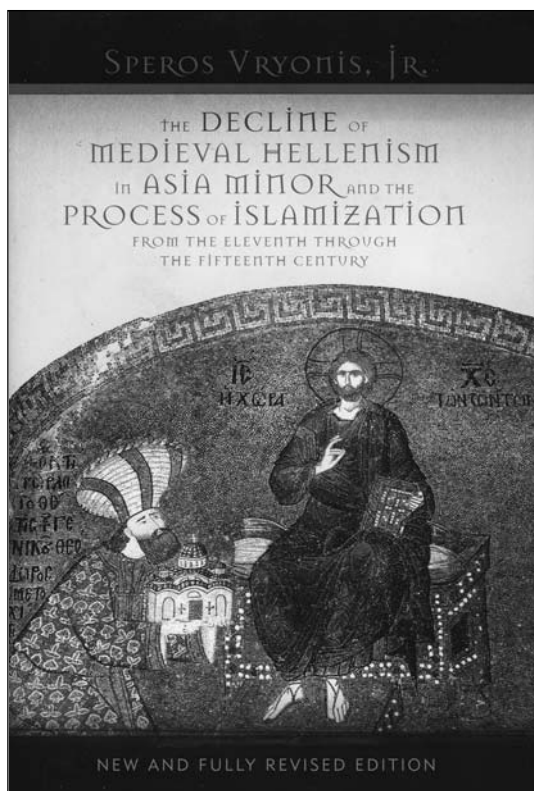
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Livres Reçus/Books Received

Speros Vryonis, Jr.

The Decline of Medieval Hellenism in Asia Minor and the Process of Islamization From the Eleventh Through the Fifteenth Century

(New and fully revised edition)



New York,
greekworks.com, 2011

Speros Vryonis, Jr., is one of the most eminent Byzantinists of his generation. After a distinguished career at UCLA, he was the founding director of the Alexander S. Onassis Centre for Hellenic Studies at New York University, from which he retired as emeritus Alexander S. Onassis professor of Hellenic civilisation. In addition to the seminal *The Decline of Medieval Hellenism in Asia Minor and the Process of Islamization from the Eleventh through the Fifteenth Century*, Professor Vryonis's extensive work on the history and culture of the Greeks from Homer to the present,

and on their relations with Islam and the Slavic peoples, includes *Byzantium and Europe*; *Studies on Byzantium, Seljuks and Ottomans*; *Byzantium : It's Internal History and relations with the Islamic World*; and *studies in Byzantine Institutions and Society*. He is also the author, most recently, of the internationally acclaimed *The Mechanism of Catastroph: The Turkish Pogrom of September 6-7, 1955, and the Destruction of the Greek Community of Istanbul*.

As professor Heath W. Lowry of Princeton University noted, «In the thirty seven years since it first appeared, *The Decline of Medieval Hellenism in Asia Minor*, it has helped to educate successive generations of students, each of which has benefited from the breadth and scope of Vryonis unparalleled understanding of the final centuries of Byzantium and the rise of Ottomans. My own copy is so heavily read that it begs for rebinding. Long out of print, this book's republication is a service to every serious student in the field».

Another academic, professor John F. Haldon of Princeton University, noted that «This book still remains the classic analysis of a crucial period of Byzantine and Turkish history, and a major contribution toward understanding the process through which Anatolia became 'Turkey'. Scholarly informative, and vividly written, it offers a vast amount of evidence on the background to and the process of 'Turkification' of Asia Minor, describing in detail the progressive de-Hellenization of the former heartlands of the Byzantine empire, the conflicts and hostilities that accompanied this clash of cultures and ways of life, and the dynamic of historical, social, and cultural transformation. Vryonis reminds us that clashes of culture, belief systems, and social organization are part of the very fabric of human social and cultural evolution, and are best approached through the prism of history».