

Abstrakt EN

The master thesis focuses on the study of the oldest surviving manuscripts in the Czech language called Hours of the Virgin Mary, which became a bestseller in its time. The manuscript of the Hours of the Queen of Bohemia with the signature KNM V H 36, deposited in the National Library Klementinum in Prague, is the centerpiece. The manuscript is attributed to one of the royal wives of the family of King Wenceslas IV. A variant is the Empress Dowager Elizabeth of Pomerania or Queen Sophie of Bavaria or Princess Anne of Luxembourg, later married as Queen Anne of Bohemia. The commissioner or owner of the manuscript has not been precisely identified to this day.

The thesis presents a group of codices from the medieval period with signatures and possibly digital references. The main topic is the catalogue The Manuscripts of the oldest Czech Hours of the Virgin containing a description of the manuscript, its decoration, illuminations and iconographic description. The thesis concludes with a summary of the study, a pictorial appendix, lists of cited manuscripts and literature, and in addition a link to online access to the digitized Czech studies manuscripts. The thesis tries to give a simple insight into the medieval manuscripts of the Virgin's Hours Mary and their iconography. The thesis could eventually become a starting point for further study combined the manuscripts Marian Hours in Czech and Latin.

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