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VASIL LEVSKI'S FUNERAL SERVICE

(Summary)

Was a funeral service made after Vassil Levski's death? An examination of the versions around the hanging, the burial and the priests who might have served leads to the conclusion that no funeral service over Levski's mortal remains was made at Sofia. Yet, the rite was performed at Karlovo over the hair which the Deacon had given to his mother. The cleric who performed the funeral service was Archimandrite Constantine (Popov), the future Metropolitan of Vratsa, a follower of Internal Revolutionary Organization. His testimony throws light on Levski's real image and his fondness of the Orthodox Church traditions.