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ILIA CHAVCHAVADZE AND THE LANGUAGE OF DIVINE SERVICE

The paper discusses Ilia Chavchavadze's attitudes towards the language of divine service in two main directions: first, Ilia Chavchavadze's opinion about conducting the divine service in the Russian language and second, Ilia's attitude towards the application of the old Georgian language during the service.

The second question was studied on the background and in the context of the essays and minutes of the practical activities of the writer dedicated to the democratization of the Georgian literary language.

It was made clear that Ilia Chavchavadze had never raised a question about the use or non-use of the old Georgian during the divine service. He only emphasizes the significance of the old Georgian church reading. This fact enables me to conclude that Ilia Chavchavadze regarded the application of the traditional language sacred, which should be left intact.