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ON THE DETERMINATION OF THE DATE OF SAINT NINO'S ARRIVAL IN GEORGIA

According to the Georgian sources of history Nino, Ripsime and fifty other Christians fled from Greece at the eighth year of conversion of Emperor Konstantine and the Queen Helen.

The arrival of St. Nino in Kartli coincides with the said date. I think that the chronicler identified Milan Edict of 318 equal to the conversion of Constantine and Helen. However, their baptism took place after Nicaea council of the Christian church of 325.

If such an interpretation of the question is regarded as the historic truth then Saint Nino appears to come to Kartli in the year of 321, that is, after the eighth year of the event (issuing the Milan Edict).

According to the *Georgian Chronicles* after the third year of Nino's arrival in Kartli the kings of Kartli and Persia took the field against Konstantine in Greece.

I think that this message represents the decisive attack between Constantine and Licinius in 324, where the kings of Kartli and Persia must have been the allies of Licinius.

If the participation of the Georgian and Persian kings in this battle is accepted as historical truth then St. Nino's arrival in Kartli took place in the year of 321.