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RECORDS OF GRATITUDE FROM THE ISTANBUL GEORGIAN CLOISTER

The paper discusses some details of the activities carried out by Georgian Fathers that features facts of the Ferikvei cloister not only as a religious institution but also as an instrument for the awakening and rehabilitating of Georgian nation in its religion, politics, and culture. The Georgian Fathers have paid invaluable tribute to their Motherland with these aforesaid deeds done with zeal and diligence. More than a century period they sheltered immigrated politicians, scientists, intelligentsia, and young people wandering in search of their fate. The immigrants, on their part expressed their gratitude in the written form, part of which has become known and discussed in the present article.

As for the future prospects of the Istanbul Georgian Cloister we can be hopeful owing to the loyalty to the ancestors' traditions kept sacred by the direct heirs, Simon and Paul Zazadze(s), and of the devoted efforts of Prof. Shushana Putkaradze in her studies of Monastery archives.