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NAME OF SAINTS ON APPELLATIVE-ONYMOUSMARGIN

Anthroponyms just as appellatives follow dynamics in a language which is a constantly changing organism that still follows stable rules. Anthroponyms change in terms of phonetics, morphology, syntax and semantics and, moreover, undergo appellation or contrastingly, onymization of common names occur.

The article deals with the Anthroponym Iovane originating from ancient Hebrew and meaning "The LORD has been gracious". Several saints are known by the name Iovane. They are not distinguished by means of anthroponyms, rather they are represented as having a function of common names, while their accompanying words differentiate each of the individuals. For instance, John (Abulherit) – the Athonite, father of Euthymius; John the Merciful – the Patriarch of Alexandria; John – the companion of St. Cyrus, John – saint father, scholar, etc.

I suppose, in such case the entire phrase (i.e. St. John of Damascus, St. David Garejeli, St. *Shio the Anchorite*) should be considered as an anthroponym because apart from proper names specification is achieved by means of appellatives. None of the elements of these syntagms is capable of independent functioning as a proper name, while the phrases containing these elements provide identification of an individual.

Such phrases are characterized with a fixed syntagmatic order.