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*SAINT JOHN OF RILA IN THE SERMONS OF SAINT JOHN OF KRONSTADT*

*The article is dealing with the sermon of John of Kronstadt, which he preached on the 19th of October 1900, and which he dedicated to a great Bulgarian saint – his patron saint – John of Rila. The author of this paper focuses mainly on the following question: which are the episodes of the life of the saint of Rila that John of Kronstadt included in his speech, and which are the ones that he – for one reason or another – omitted. The text of the sermon of John of Kronstadt is being compared to the Vita of St John of Rila written by Patriarch Evtimiy of Tarnovo. The article also involves some general questions about the sermon as a special genre of ecclesiastical literature.*