

Summary

Subject matter: The church-state relations in the 1920s – 1930s on the example of Pyatigorsk Eparchy.

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Topicality of the research is determined by the scientific studies devoted to the problems of the state-confessional and intra-church relations in the history of the North Caucasus region.

Objective of the research is the study of the church-state relations in the 1920s – 1930s on the example of Pyatigorsk Eparchy.

Tasks:

- to study the history of the formation of Pyatigorsk Eparchy;
- to examine the church-administrative system of Pyatigorsk Eparchy;
- to study the work of the ruling members of higher orders of clergy of Pyatigorsk Eparchy;
- to investigate the specificity of the antireligious policy of the local authorities;
- to analyze the position of the clergy and believers of Pyatigorsk Eparchy in 1927-1937;
- to examine the “obnovlenchestvo” movement in Pyatigorsk Eparchy as a way of struggle against the canonical Church.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research lies in the possibility of using the generalizations and conclusions obtained in further scientific-theoretical surveys devoted to the history of state-church relations. The paper contains the material on the history of the target region which can be used in the academic process both for the development of specialist courses and preparation by students of course and diploma papers.

Result of the research is the identification of the main stages of the development of Pyatigorsk Eparchy in the previous century and the study of the

general principles of the interaction between the secular authorities and religious organizations.

Having examined the history of the church-state relationships in the region we can draw a conclusion about the processes that exerted influence on the formation of a principally new system of interrelationships between religious and political institutes. The analysis of the historical experience of the work of religious organizations is one of the conditions for the creation of an optimal model of a religious-political dialog. State-confessional relations can fully develop only in the conditions of the constructive cooperation of both sides.

Recommendations: As this work is theoretical its materials can be used to prepare information data on the history of the church-state relations in the North Caucasus, to develop the appropriate course of lectures within the framework of the history of the region and they can also be used in the academic process at schools and higher education establishments to deliver specialist courses in the history of Pyatigorsk and Tersk region.