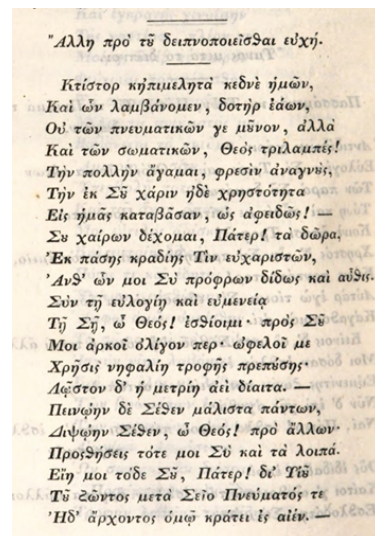
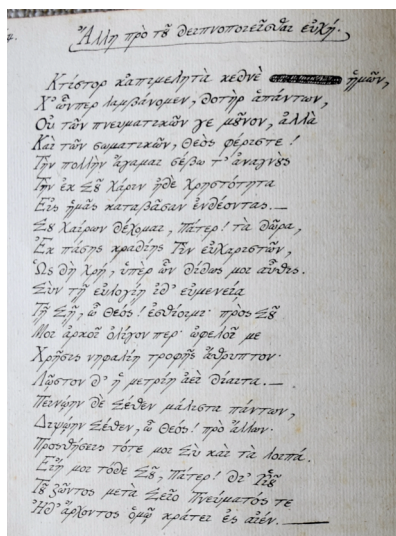


«In Greek, you'll take it with more ease.»

Pointed Epigrams and Pious Prayers in 19th-Century Philhellenic Culture

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The Franciscan friar Bernard Niedermühlbichler (1798–1850) taught classics at the Franciscan Gymnasium in Hall in Tyrol from 1825–1838. At the beginning of his new position as the Gymnasium's Prefect, he began to work on a voluminous tome of prayers written exclusively in Ancient Greek, which was eventually published in 1847 under the title "Euchologion". The declared goal was to provide hands-on learning material for students and ensure their continued engagement with Greek even after school. As many pupils later entered the clergy, this endeavour certainly served its purpose well. Aside from the pedagogical aspirations, the work also spoke to people affiliated with the Philhellenic movement, indicated by both printed and handwritten dedications. Niedermühlbichler had already demonstrated his command of Ancient Greek in 1844, when his first publication appended 12 Greek epigrams that show special indebtedness to satirical epigrams of antiquity. While Niedermühlbichler's work will be central to the discussion, the presentation will also feature a short introduction to New Ancient Greek and showcase some original prints of New Ancient Greek literature from the early modern to the modern period.

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