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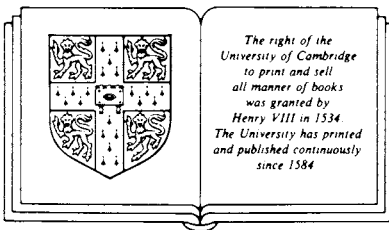
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## Abbreviations

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<i>AB</i>	<i>Analecta Bollandiana</i>
<i>ABαr</i>	Ἐπίστολος Βαρνάβας (Nicosia)
<i>AOL</i>	<i>Archives de l'orient latin</i>
<i>ASS</i>	<i>Acta Sanctorum</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>Byzantion</i>
<i>BAR</i>	<i>British Archaeological Reports, International Series</i>
<i>BCH</i>	<i>Bulletin de correspondance hellénique</i>
<i>BF</i>	<i>Byzantinische Forschungen</i>
<i>BHG</i>	<i>Bibliotheca hagiographica graeca</i>
<i>BMGS</i>	<i>Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies</i>
<i>BS</i>	<i>Byzantinoslavica</i>
<i>BZ</i>	<i>Byzantinische Zeitschrift</i>
<i>CB</i>	<i>Corpus scriptorum historiae byzantinae, general ed. B. G. Niebuhr (Bonn, 1829–97).</i>
<i>CH</i>	<i>Church History</i>
<i>DOP</i>	<i>Dumbarton Oaks Papers</i>
<i>DOS</i>	<i>Dumbarton Oaks Studies</i>
<i>EB</i>	<i>Etudes byzantines (continued as REB)</i>
<i>EEBS</i>	Ἐπετηρίς Ἐταιρείας Βυζαντινῶν Σπουδῶν
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>EIE</i>	Ἐθνικὸν Ἰδρυμα Ἐρευνῶν (Athens)
<i>EKEE</i>	Ἐπετηρὶς Κέντρου Ἐπιστημονικῶν Ἐρευνῶν (Nicosia)
<i>EO</i>	<i>Echos d'Orient</i>
<i>GRBS</i>	<i>Greek, Roman and Byzantine Studies</i>
<i>JEH</i>	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
<i>JHS</i>	<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>
<i>JÖB</i>	<i>Jahrbuch der österreichischen Byzantinistik</i>
<i>JÖBG</i>	<i>Jahrbuch der österreichischen byzantinistischen Gesellschaft (continued as JÖB)</i>
<i>JRS</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>

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<i>KΣ</i>	<i>Κυπριακαί Σπουδαί</i>
<i>KX</i>	<i>Κυπριακά Χρονικά</i>
<i>MPG</i>	J.-P. Migne, <i>Patrologia cursus completus: series graeco-latina</i> (161 vols., Paris, 1857–66)
<i>MPL</i>	J.-P. Migne, <i>Patrologia cursus completus: series latina</i> (221 vols., Paris, 1844–55)
<i>NE</i>	<i>Νέος Έλληνομνήμων</i>
<i>OC</i>	<i>Oriens christianus</i>
<i>OCA</i>	<i>Orientalia christiana analecta</i>
<i>OS</i>	<i>L'Orient syrien</i>
<i>PEF</i>	<i>Palestine Exploration Fund, Quarterly Statement</i>
<i>ΠΚΣ</i>	<i>Πρακτικά του Πρώτου Διεθνούς Κυπριολογικού Συνεδρίου</i> (Nicosia, 1972)
<i>PO</i>	<i>Patrologia orientalis</i>
<i>PP</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
<i>RDAC</i>	<i>Report of the Department of Antiquities, Cyprus</i>
<i>REB</i>	<i>Revue des études byzantines</i>
<i>RHC, Occ.</i>	<i>Recueil des historiens des croisades, historiens occidentaux</i> (4 vols., Paris, 1844, 1859, 1864, 1879; repr. Farnborough, 1967)
<i>RHC, Or.</i>	<i>Recueil des historiens des croisades, historiens orientaux</i> (5 vols., Paris, 1872, 1884, 1887, 1898; repr. Farnborough, 1967)
<i>ROC</i>	<i>Revue de l'orient chrétien</i>
<i>TM</i>	<i>Travaux et mémoires</i>
<i>TU</i>	<i>Texte und Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altkirchlichen Literatur</i>
<i>VV</i>	<i>Vizantinijskij Vremennik</i>
<i>ZRVI</i>	<i>Zbornik Radova Vizantoloskog Instituta</i>