

It was a long time ago that historians appreciated the value of accounting sources in the research on the so called "history of everyday life". The sources of this kind allow us to touch the past in its most prosaic dimension, which make them very interesting to researchers.

The account books of several medieval churches of Toruń are not an exception. The materials mostly refer to the Church of SS. Johns – the most important parish church in the city. The private accounts of one of the parish priests of this church have survived – the account books including the data about the construction of the church and the rent books from the second half of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, including a list of people paying the rent to the church fund ( the so called "fabrica ecclesiae"). The analysis of the comprehensive material would not be complete without addressing other churches in Toruń as they also generated their own account books. For this reason, it is worth looking at the accounts of the Church of St. James and the Chapel of St. Catherine, or the Church of St. Lawrence (no longer existing). It will allow us to look at the church topography of the city as a whole.

The aim of the project is the scientific preparation and edition of the above-mentioned accounts. The team of researchers will have a look at such aspects as the value of the accounting material to become acquainted with the functioning of the parish church, the organization of the church wealth and people responsible for it ( the City Council, administrators, clergy), the employment of servants by the parish priests and the scope of their responsibilities, people obliged to pay money to the churches, the importance of church finances in the general finances of the city, the construction of churches, the revenue and expenditure as the evidence of the parish life.

An important element of the project will be the construction of the internet portal. It will include high-quality pictures of all the church accounts of Toruń's churches, which will allow recipients to enjoy the direct contact with the sources. However, the database will have the major value as it will allow searching for the discussed sources, making various calculations and presenting the findings in a form of tables, diagrams, or charts. Non-experts, interested in everyday life of a medieval parish will be able to use the database as well.