## THE BEGINNING OF RUSSIAN METROPOLITAN'S CATHEDRAL IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH LITERATURE AND CHRONICLES

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The article looks into the date of St. Sophia's Cathedral foundation in Kiev. The most interesting versions put forward by the historians in the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries are considered. The position taken by the authors of collected chronicles is determined upon complex study of the chronicles dating back to the 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> centuries.