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**RELIGIOUS AND MYTHOLOGICAL IDEAS OF RUSSIAN
PEOPLE IN SOUTH KIROV REGION.**

Southern parts of Kirov region, which once formed Malmyzhskiy uyezd, could be seen as very original. Its population is of different origins but in many ways shows unity of spiritual and material culture. Religious beliefs and mythology are good illustrations to it. In this article the author focuses on religious lyrics, remaining mostly in the old believers' environment, folk varieties of Orthodox prayers, apocryphal stories, bailichkas, stories about encounters with celestial beings, and legends connected with appearance of wonder-working icons. The information given by the author convincingly testifies to the vitality in the folk environment of religious and mythological ideas. However, many traditional oral tradition of the Russian people scenes (in particular, the legends about the finding of the miraculous icon, stories about encounters with the evil spirit) was enriched with local university realities that bind real actors to specific geographic locations. The article shows how spiritual poems over time has experienced the effects of specific pronunciation of the native speakers that in some options added, others lost in comparison with the canonical texts. The author believes that the texts of those Orthodox prayers, which during their centuries-old existence were so distorted, can be attributed to the religious-mythological folklore, that they became little different from the plots filled with pagan archaic.

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