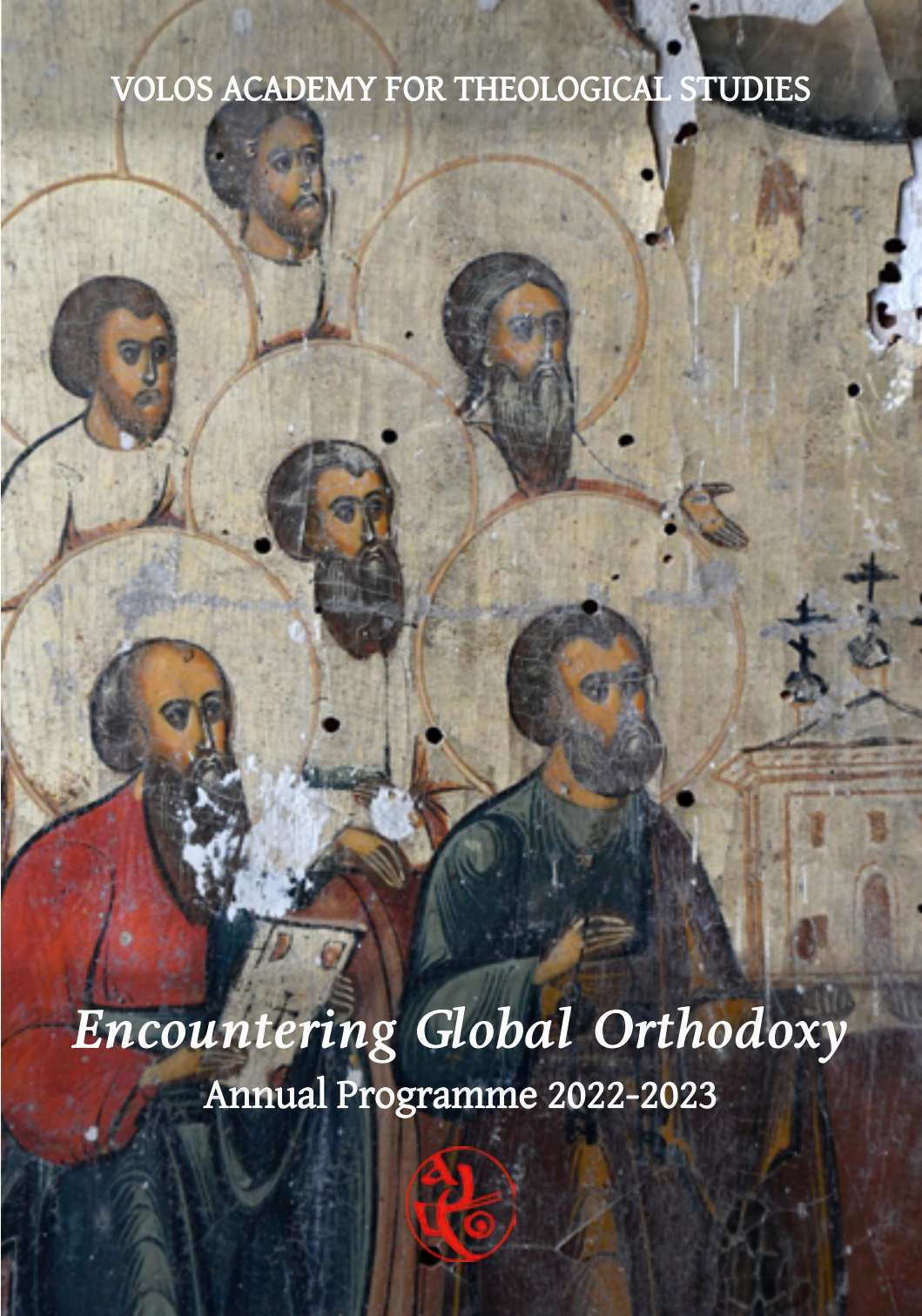
VOLOS ACADEMY FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES



Encountering Global Orthodoxy

Annual Programme 2022-2023



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Over the last 30 years, the role and the position of Eastern Orthodoxy has been affected worldwide by multifaceted societal changes: the end of communism, international migration, growth of religious diversity and rigorism, secularization and globalization processes, and human rights language challenges. To this list, one has to add the recent Covid-19 pandemic which provoked numerous social, financial, political and spiritual problems, not to mention its impact on global physical and mental health, as well as the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine (a war between two Orthodox nations), and the ensuing energy crisis. Furthermore, if one takes also into account the rise of certain revisionist theories of history and state borders, put forth by various authoritarian regimes all over the world, and the ongoing environmental crisis, a multicolour puzzle is already in front of us, within which Orthodoxy

is called to offer its witness. It is widely recognized that for centuries, and especially after the fall of the Byzantine empire, and during the ottoman occupation, Orthodoxy has undergone a long period of theological aphasia and Babylonian captivity to western or foreign, in general, patterns of theologizing, lacking thus not only the vision but also the means to creatively engage with the developments, taken place at that time in the West (Renaissance, Reformation, Enlightenment, etc.), which have finally led to the rise of modernity. Facing up these critical circumstances, Orthodoxy persistently seemed unable to react in a creative way. Often committed in a static manner to a glorious past and a rich tradition, the majority of theologians and churches expressed an outdated understanding and interpretation of both the past and the surrounding atmosphere, expressing themselves in a way inconsistent with the ecclesial mode of being and irrelevant to the existential needs of the world.

Despite this spiritual and theological deadlock, coloured with a certain nationalistic spirit and divisions as a result of the rise of nation-states in the end of the 19th century, Orthodoxy gradually started a hesitant dialogue with the West, during the first half of the 20th century and in the context of the Russian émigré theology, trying to address the emerging dominant globalization and secularization process, and, at the same time, to assess if not receive the various achievements of modernity. Due to the famous

theological call for a neo-patristic synthesis and the plea for a renewal of Orthodox theology, as well as the wider revival of biblical, patristic, liturgical and other studies in the West, Orthodox theology tentatively begun to revisit its own tradition and experience, in order to become able to construct a hermeneutical proposal that would make sense for the modern world, albeit not always with courage and consistency. Further upheaval on all levels of human life, such as rapid technological developments, the post-truth and trans-human narrative, as well as the relativism which reigns the realm of post-modernity, seem to render urgent the discussion concerning the finding and formation of the appropriate premises in relation to a serious reconsideration of the nature, methodology, ethos, and phronema of modern Orthodox theology.

In the present day, facing such a critical situation, Orthodoxy, still remaining deeply divided, has to find the courage to rise to its full height, initiating a difficult but at the same time urgent and belated, twofold dialogue: an internal one among the various Orthodox churches and theological currents to heal past and present breaks, and overcome parochialism and collective narcissism; and an external one with the surrounding setting, with the world per se, this side of history, which radically changes in a way that begs for a deep re-lecturing of Orthodoxy's theological premises so as to be able to finally formulate an ecumenical vision and dialogical ethos that would account for the salvation of the world and not just of an Orthodox nation, be it, the Greek, the Russian, or any other. Such a move will facilitate the other Christian traditions as well as secular bodies to dialogue with Orthodoxy in a way that goes beyond past stereotypes, as representing a solidified traditionalism, being able to recognize the breeze of the Spirit of God which still penetrates ecclesial communities opening them up to the coming Kingdom of God.

It is in this spirit that Volos Academy for Theological Studies, abiding by the tradition of critical reflection on timely theological topics organizes its activities for the current academic year 2022-2023. Among them, the 2nd mega-conference of IOTA (January 10-15, 2023) features as an exceptional event which is hosted in Volos bringing together a great variety of Orthodox scholars and researchers worldwide, clergy and lay theologians representing versions of global Orthodoxy, fulfilling in this manner a post-conciliar premise of the Pan-Orthodox Synod of Crete (2016) to establish a permanent platform of dialogue and cooperation within the Orthodox academia. In addition, a series of events, lectures, book presentations, meetings and conferences are organized in cooperation with other Orthodox and ecumenical bodies, institutes and seminaries.



Volos Academy for Theological Studies

Volos Academy for Theological Studies functions as an open forum of thought and dialogue between the Orthodox Church, the secular society and the broader scholarly community of intellectuals worldwide since 2000. It organizes research, studies, workshops, conferences, and publications. It is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization, working under that auspices of the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias. Since 2014 it is recognized as a Research Center by the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

In order to meet its objectives, Volos Academy has collaborated with numerous other institutions, jointly addressing problems and challenges of our time, in a spirit of respect for each other's differences. Thus, the Academy has collaborated with institutions such as the Roman Catholic Theological Faculty in Florence, the Boston Theological Institute, the French Institute in Athens, Drury University (USA), the Faculty of Theology at the University of Thessaloniki, the Department of Orthodox Theology at the University of Munich, the Faculty of Theology at Heidelberg University, the Bossey Ecumenical Institute and the World Council of Churches, the Conference of European Churches (CEC), the Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL), the Orthodox Theological Faculty at the University Babes-Bolyai (Cluj-Napoca, Romania) and the University's Center on Bioethics, the Department of History-Archeology and Social Anthropology at the University of Thessaly, the Chair of Orthodox Theology at the University of Münster (Germany), the Center for Orthodox Studies at Fordham University (New York), the Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox, Inter-Confessional and Inter-Religious Studies (INTER,

Cluj-Napoca), Saint Sergius Theological Institute (Paris), the Journal and the Ecumenical Center Istina, French Orthodox Journal Contacts, the Christian Cultural Center of Belgrade (Serbia), St. Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute (Moscow, Russia), the Orthodox Academy of Valamo (Finland), the European Forum of Orthodox Schools of Theology (EFOST, Brussels), the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF), the Forum of European Muslim Youth Student Organizations (FEMYSO), the Association of Religious Teachers of Imathia (Greece), the Academic Association for Adult Education, the Mental Health Organization "Health Progress", the "Second Chance" Schools of Volos and Larissa, the Alternative School of the Therapeutic Community "Exodus," the Municipal Center of History in Volos, the French website on Orthodox news www.orthodoxie.com, the Volos newspaper "I Thessalia," the leading journal of the study of literature "Nea Hestia", the theological journal Synaxis, the publishing houses Kastaniotis, Indiktos, Harmos and Hestia. Since 2017, the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, as an officially recognized Research Center, is a subscribed member of the European Academy for Religion (EuARe).

As a result of this scholarly activity, the Metropolis of Demetrias and the city of Volos have become an international meeting place for encounter and dialogue.









Events

Topics addressed by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in previous years include:

Orthodoxy in the 21st century
Church and Culture
Church and Eschatology
Orthodox Christianity and Modernity
Ecclesiology and Nationalism in the Postmodern Era
Islam and Fundamentalism - Orthodox Christianity and Globalization
Christian Presence and Witness in Palestine and Middle East Today: Theological and Political Challenges
Orthodox Christianity and Otherness
Gender and Religion - The Place of Women in the Church
En Route to 'In the Likeness': Elisabeth Behr-Sigel's Theological and Anthropological Contributions to the Church
Women and Religion: The Problem of Violence and Fundamentalism
Theology and Literature
Theology and Modern Church Architecture
The New Synaxarion: The Lives of the Saints of the Orthodox Church
Toward an Ecumenical Declaration of Just Peace and Reconciliation: An Orthodox Contribution
Biblical Liberation Theology, Patristic Theology, and the Ambivalence of Modernity in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective
Orthodox Christianity and Education: Religious Instruction as a Lesson in Identity and Culture
Orthodox Christianity and Multiculturalism
Lay Participation in Ecclesiastical Life

Turmoil in Post-war Theology: the "Theology of the '60s"
Theological Portraits I: Panayiotis N. Trembelas: Between Tradition and Renewal, Between Academia and Mission
Church and State
Orthodox Christianity and Islam: Islam in Europe
Orthodox Christianity, Tradition, and History
The Participation of Orthodox Women in the Ecumenical Movement: Past, Present, and Future
Neo-Patristic Synthesis or Post-Patristic Theology: Can Orthodox Theology Be Contextual?
The Place of Religion in the Public Sphere
Issues of Renewal and Reform in Orthodoxy
Refugees, Immigrants, and the Church
Education through Art
Shifting Versions of Helleno-Christianity (19th -20th centuries)
The Question of Language in Worship
Why is the Orthodox Doctrine of Theosis So Intriguing to Western Christians?
The Reception of Palamism in the West Today
The Teaching of Ecumenical Theology in the Orthodox World
Metropolitan John Zizioulas of Pergamon: Person, Eucharist, and the Kingdom of God in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective
Holy Canons of the Church and State Laws
The existence of evil and the problem of theodicy
The Baptism in the New Testament from an Orthodox and Roman Catholic perspective
Political Orthodoxy and Totalitarianism in a post Communist Era
Theological Portraits II: Nikos Nisiotis, the Ecumenical Theologian of Orthodoxy
Ecotheology, Climate Justice and Food Security





Metropolitan of Diokleia Kallistos Ware and the Witness of Orthodoxy in the West
Theology and Disability in Orthodox Perspective
Iconography in Greece, Constantinople and the Orthodox world, yesterday and today. Differences and parallels
Theological Portraits III: Archbishop Chrysostomos of Athens (Papadopoulos): Theology and Church life during the Interwar years
New Testament Textual Criticism: Its Significance for Scholarship, Culture and Church
The Theological School of Halki: The Vision for the next day
Voices of the Liturgy: Gender and Performance in the early Byzantine Church
On the Laity: Ancient Syriac Models
Ibadism: Understanding Diversity in Islam
New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics: History, Theory, Prospects
Orthodoxy and Fundamentalism
Disability, Church and Society
Figures of Christian Narrative Texts: Theological and Secular Approaches
Politics, society and Culture in Orthodox Theology in the Global age
Amilkas Alivizatos and Modern Greek Theology: University teaching, church ministry and Ecumenical dialogue
Saint Symeon the New Theologian: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Theology of Light and Grace
Orthodox Constructions of the East

In the period of the COVID pandemic, Volos Academy increased the use of digital means of communication, as with the first series of online lectures "Time for Action" and the blog "Πολυμερώς και πολυτρόπως" ("In many and various ways')



The Research Center

Due to the multifaceted contribution of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies to theology and to the boarder scholarly research and culture, the Volos Academy for Theological Studies was included among the Greek Research Centers recognized by the Law 4310/2014 ("Research, Technological Development and Innovation and other provisions") of the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

This has been a very important development for Volos Academy and an official recognition of its work by the state; a milestone in the course of its academic development, at local, national and international level. This recognition entrusted Volos Academy with more responsibilities and new tasks for the development and the international promotion of the Greek scholar theological research, and for the vibrant and creative witness of Orthodoxy in the modern world.

The Research Center of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies includes five specialized research departments which are expected to be transformed into research institutes in the future. These departments are:

1. Department of Chanting and Musicology

The Department of Chanting Art and Musicology was established in 2013. The goals of the Department are the research, study, recording, preservation and promotion of Byzantine and post-Byzantine musical culture, particularly of the Church Chanting, as preserved in the living tradition of the clerics and cantors, continued till the present day through its various sources (musical manuscripts, theoretical writings and studies, historical evidence, patristic and secular literature, etc). Of special interest for the Department is the recording and study of the local chanting tradition of Magnesia and the territory of the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias, through the collection, classification and study of the relevant sources and evidence. In order to achieve the above objectives, the Department organizes a modern musical archive of cassettes, CDs, tapes and various audio recordings, photographs, residues, documents, manuscripts, and other sources for the research and study of Church Chanting, and the establishment of a library of music and musicology.

In addition, the Department aims to bringing together all the researchers, scientists and scientific institutions throughout the world, whose discipline or research interests are directly or indirectly related to the Chanting, and create a global network of partnerships and interactions. Therefore, the Department seeks to cooperate and interact with the Institute of Byzantine Musicology of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, with the Chanting Art Programs of the Ecclesiastical Academies, with the relevant Departments of



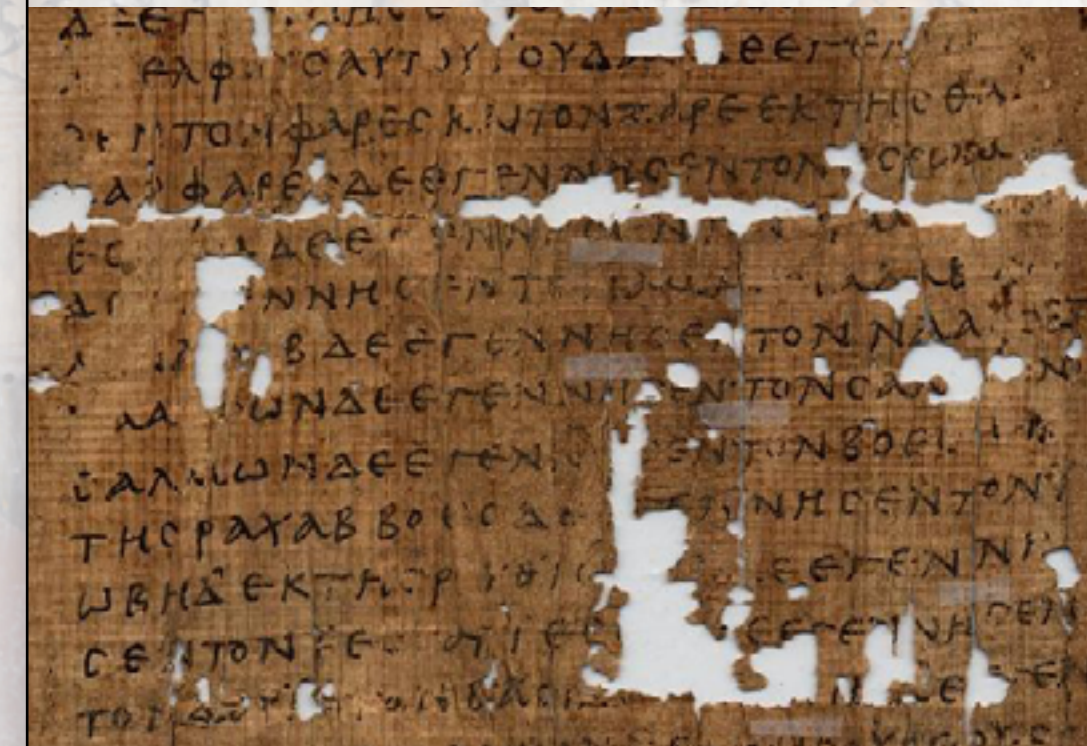
the Universities of Greece and abroad, with cultural organizations (Chanters Associations, Schools of Byzantine Music), etc. The Department has organized till now four international conferences and various other artistic and scholar meetings, as well as educational workshops, and its associates have participated in many relative events. It has also published a number of books and CD's, and it has created webpages aiming to the dissemination of related information to anyone interested. Konstantinos Ch. Karagounis, Associate Professor of the Supreme Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens, served as Director of the Department, from 2013 to 2022.

2. Department for the study of the New Testament manuscript tradition

The Department for the study of the manuscript tradition of the New Testament was established in 2013. Its main purpose has been the creation of a critical edition of the Byzantine text, used by the Eastern Orthodox Church as its liturgical text. Among its objectives are the finding, collecting, photographing, transcription and study of manuscripts (continuous text or eklogadia) that preserve the Byzantine text type; the education and training of specialists in the analysis of the text; the organization of conferences and seminars; the critical editions of the New Testament text; and especially the re-publication of the Patriarchal edition of 1904 with improvements, corrections and the general application of modern scientific methodology; the study and promotion of any form of interpretative commentary of the text of the New Testament in Byzantine manuscripts (liturgical manuscripts,

catenae etc.); the participation in international fora; the cooperation with related research institutions abroad; the publication of an electronic journal for the dissemination of the results of the research project; the construction and maintenance of a web page for the information of the international academic community; and cooperation with the Eastern Orthodox Churches for the re-publication and critical correction of the New Testament text in use (especially in modern eklogadia) by virtue of a research of the manuscript tradition.

This Department intends to a) fill a significant gap in research, since the related international research centres engage in other forms of textual tradition of the ancient Church (e.g. the Alexandrian text, scrolls, ancient Latin translations, etc.), having as its objective the closest approximation of the original text of the New Testament, and not the restoration of "living text" in the Byzantine tradition; b) investigate and highlight an important part of the tradition the ancient Church, which until now has never been sufficiently exploited; c) provide substantial services mainly to Greek-speaking Orthodox Churches by contributing to re-publication of the text of the New Testament used in their daily liturgical practice; and d) promote, at an international scholar level, the culturally invaluably important heritage of the Greek manuscripts of the New Testament.



The following members of the Volos Academy Board of Directors were appointed as the Department's directors:

(1) Christos Karakolis, Professor of the New Testament, University of Athens, Member of the Editorial Committee of critical editions of the New Testament "Nestle-Aland" and "Greek New Testament," member of the Committee of Scientific Publications of the German Bible Society, a member of the Steering Committee of the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas and vice President of the Committee for the development of the New Testament in Eastern Europe, member of the Advisory Board of the journal Early Christianity, of the Colloquium Oecumenicum Paulinum and Colloquium Ioanneum.

(2) Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Professor of New Testament at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, member of the Steering Committee of the European Association of Biblical Studies, member of the Board of Directors of the European Society of Women in Theological Research, member of the Society of Biblical Literature, of the Colloquium Oecumenicum Paulinum and of the General Assembly of the Greek Bible Society.

3. Department of Canonical Theology

The Department of Canonical Theology was founded in 2014 and it aims to investigate, study and highlight issues such as the genesis and origins of the Canons, the Canonical tradition, and the Canonical Hermeneutic. Specifically, this three-fold research project will cover the following areas from the perspective of the study, research and life of the Church:

a) the wide range of the two millennia, with a clear focus on the Canonical Sources which emerged in the first millennium, the millennium of the Canons' genesis, with introductory and historical prolegomena, as well as textual issues and critical issues of the canonical texts, in order then to study the canonical extensions and its implications contained in the following two general research aspects.

b) Issues of Canonical Tradition of the Church as (for instance):

1. The history of the printed editions of the Holy Canons (16th-20th centuries)

2. The Canonical Collections: The Rudder and the Rallis-Potlis Constitution (19th cent.) of the Orthodox Church and the post-Byzantine Hermeneutic

3. The ecclesiology and administrative nature of the Holy Canons

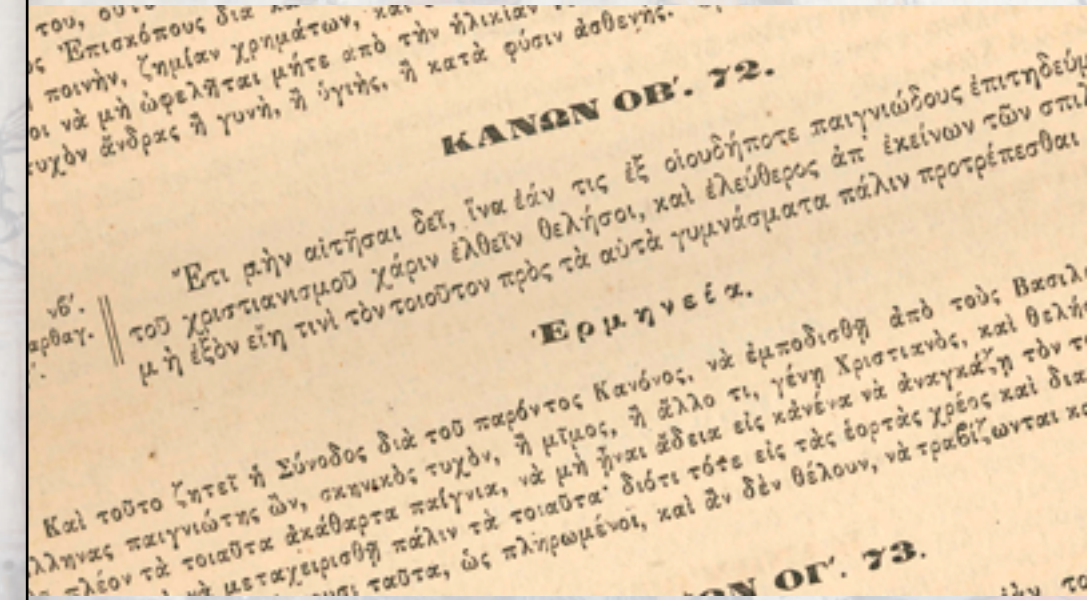
c) Issues of Canonical Hermeneutic in modern times such as (for instance):

1. Modern Church-canonical issues

2. State, Orthodox Church and Religious Affairs in Greece / Europe / Ecumene

3. Canon Law and International Politics

Metropolitan of Peristeri Gregorios (Papathomas) was appointed as the Director of the Department of Canonical Theology, by the Board of Directors of Volos Academy. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Volos Academy, Professor of Theology in the University of Athens and in the Institute of Orthodox Theology "St. Sergius" in Paris, President of the European Forum of Orthodox Theological Schools (EFOST), Dean of the Theological Seminary "St. Plato Tallinn" (Estonia), Member of the Editorial Board of the French Orthodox theological journals Contacts and Le Messager Orthodoxe (Paris) and the Estonian Orthodox journal Usk Ja Elu (Tallinn), Member of the Synodal Committee of the Inter-Orthodox and inter-Christian Relations, and Member of the Board of the Directors of The Inter-Orthodox Center of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece (Penteli).



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4. Department of Interreligious Studies

The Department of Interreligious Studies was established in 2014, aiming to the studying of the multifaceted religious phenomena in its modern diverse manifestations (focusing on the most familiar to the Greek area monotheistic religions of Judaism and Islam) by using the findings of the religious studies research as it has developed internationally.

The importance of the study of the religious phenomenon is evident because religion constitutes a fundamental aspect of the human existence itself, interwoven with its very identity, and because religion has been diachronically exploited by various sides, so that the commonly so-called “return of religion” to the public space is often painted in dark colours. At a time which seems more or less dominated by intolerance and violence, the dialogue between the different religious traditions in the context of a serious scientific investigation into the place of religion in the public space can foster not only mutual knowledge but also contribute to the harmonious and peaceful coexistence of different people and traditions in the modern pluralistic world. Besides the above, the purpose of this Department will be to build on the long experience of cohabitation of the three monotheistic religions in the Mediterranean region and to initiate actions and tables of dialogue towards the promotion of reconciliation in contexts of religious otherness.



Dr. Angeliki Ziaka was appointed as the Director of the Department of the Interreligious Studies. Dr Ziaka is Associate Professor, Department of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, lecturer at the Department of Political Sciences of the same University and at the Department of History

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and Ethnology of, Democritus University, Visiting Professor at the University of Timisoara (Romania) and University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, USA), member of the Scientific Committee for the Upgrading of the Religious Education of the teachers of Islam (Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs), a founding member and member of the Board of Directors of the Scientific Association for Ibadism and Ibadi Studies, a founding member and member of the Board of the Directors of the Scientific Society of Middle East Studies, and of the Board of the Editorial Consults of the Orthodox Theology Editorial Series «Doxa & Praxis: Exploring Orthodox Theology» (WCC Publications, Geneva) and a member of the Board of Directors of Volos Academy.

5. *Department of Byzantine and post-Byzantine Monuments and Relics*

This Department engages in the systematic study, recording, maintenance and exploitation of ecclesiastical monuments and relics (icons, wood carvings, manuscripts, miniature objects) both in the national as well as mainly in the local level.

The basic objectives of this Department are the establishment of a specialized library for the promotion of research, the organization of a digital archive of monuments-objects and digital photos, the museographical study and promotion of local collections of images-relics, the planning of cultural routes in the context of development of the religious tourism in the region, aiming to familiarize the local people with the Byzantine and post-Byzantine monuments of Magnesia, the undertaking of research and educational programs and the organization of scientific conferences in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, the university community and local municipal and regional authorities.

The Director of the Department of the Byzantine and post-Byzantine Monuments and Relics, Mrs. Maria Nanou, was appointed by the Board the Directors of the Volos Academy. She has the following degrees: BA in Theology, University of Thessaloniki, MA in History of Byzantine Art, University of Sorbonne (Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne).

Volos Academy for Theological Studies examines the possible expansion of its research areas and departments in more fields (Philosophy and Patristic Theology, Ecumenical Theology, Theology and Psychological Sciences, Catechetical and Teaching of the Religious Subject etc.) in the future.

Instagram - An attempt for an online museum

In connection with the above activity of the Research Center, the Academy created in May 2020 an Instagram account, where it publishes material from its photographic archive. Using this popular and practically non-academic medium, it aspires to bring the general public in contact with all kinds of Christian monuments and heirlooms of the geographical area of the Metropolis of Demetrias and beyond.

https://www.instagram.com/volosacademytheologicalstudies/



Participation of Volos Academy in the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) "The love of Christ moves the world towards reconciliation and unity"

Karlsruhe, Germany
August 28 – September 8, 2022

Volos Academy for Theological Studies participates in the WCC Assembly with the following workshops and roundtables:

1. From hospitality to integration: Ecumenical responses to the refugee crisis
(Workshop, September 1, 2022)

Panelists include His Eminence Mgr. Gabriel, Metropolitan of Nea Ionia (Church of Greece), Rev. Michael Martin (Head of Ecumenical Relations Department of the Lutheran Church in Bavaria) and Dr. Andrej Jevtic (Representative of the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe, CCME). The panel is moderated by Dr. Nikos Kouremenos (Research Fellow of Volos Academy)

2. Political Theology: Nationalism, Social Justice and Eschatology: Protestant and Orthodox Approaches
(Roundtable, September 2, 2022).

Participants include Rev. Dr. Dietrich Werner (Theological Consultant of the organization "Bread for the World", Berlin, Germany) and Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis (Director of Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Delegate of the Church of Greece to the WCC Assembly). The roundtable is organized by Mr. Giorgos Vlantis (Director, Council of Christian Churches in Bavaria, Germany and Delegate of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the WCC Assembly) and the discussion is moderated by Rev. Heikki Huttunen (Orthodox Church of Finland).

3. Ecclesiology and Nationalism: Reconciliation among the Churches
(Workshop, September 5, 2022).

Participants include: Rev. Dr. Alexander Rentel (Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA)) and Dr. Nichola Brady (General Secretary of the organization "Churches Together in Britain and Ireland"). The panel is moderated by Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis (Director of Volos Academy).

4. Crossing boundaries in Ecumenical formation: Embracing plurality, engaging otherness, transforming community
(Workshop September 7, 2022).

Panelists include Rev. Dr. Peter Pavlovic (Conference of European Churches), and Rev. Dr. Filotheos-Fotios Maroudas (Research Fellow of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Academic Staff of University of Athens), and Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis (Deputy Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, and lecturer at the Hellenic Open University). The panel is moderated by Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis (as above).





"Science and Orthodoxy around the World" Workshops

"Philosophical and theological approaches to the relationship between Orthodox Christianity and modern science and the dialogue between them"

"Psychoanalysis and Orthodox Theology"

September 28 – October 1, 2022
"Thessalia" Conference Center
Melissatika, Volos, Greece

Two two-day international workshops, organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies and the Hellenic National Research Foundation. The workshops are part of the research program "Science and Orthodoxy around the World (SOW)".

Philosophical and theological approaches to the relationship between Orthodox Christianity and modern science and the dialogue between them

September 28–29, 2022, led by Vasilios N. Makrides and Eudoxie Delli

Paul Ladouceur (University of Toronto & Université Laval, Canada): *Science, Theology and Paradise: Is Christian Theology Possible without the Fall?*

Eudoxie Delli (Research Centre for Greek Philosophy, Academy of Athens, Greece): *Modern Science and (Orthodox) Theology: Two Divergent "Languages"?*

Rev. Christophe D'Aloisio (Institut Orthodoxe Saint-Jean-le-Théologien, Brussels, & Catholic University of Louvain, UCLouvain, Belgium): *Orthodox Pastoral Understandings of the Eucharist in Relation to the Covid-19 Pandemic*

Dionysios Skliris (Hellenic Open University & University of Athens, Greece): *Chalcedonian Theology and the Challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic*

Terence Cuneo (University of Vermont, USA): *False Models, True God*

Stamatios Gerogiorgakis (University of Erfurt, Germany): *Faith and Inductive Logic, and Logic simpliciter*

Stelios Virvidakis (University of Athens, Greece): *Moral Arguments for the Existence of God and the Orthodox Theological Tradition*

Nikolaos Asproulis (Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Greece): *Towards an Eco-Dogmatics: Orthodoxy and Ecology in Dialogue*

Vasilios N. Makrides (University of Erfurt, Germany): *Experiential, Experimental, and Non-Speculative: Is Orthodox Theology an Empirical Science? Theological, Philosophical, and Scientific Considerations*

Psychoanalysis and Orthodox Theology

September 30 – October 1, 2022,
led by Rev. Vasileios Thermos and Eudoxie Delli

Steven-John Harris: *Healing of the Person from Theological & Psychological Perspectives: Are they Compatible?*

Vassiliki-Piyi Christopoulou: *Vicissitudes of imagos in the tranferential dynamics of the cure: The Pauline natural man ("ψυχικός άνθρωπος") revisited*

Rev. Grigorios Chrysostom Tympas: *Faith and Trust: a perplexing relationship from psychological and spiritual angles*

Maria Bouri: *Suffering body and dying soul: From Gregory of Nyssa to palliative medicine*

Dimitris Kyriazis: *Human body in contemporary psychoanalytic thought*

Petar Jevremović: *Psychoanalysis as a secular form of asceticism*

Panagiotis Aristotelidis: *Death anxiety in psychoanalysis and in contemporary pastoral care*

Rev. Vasileios Thermos: *Escaping from the Symptom or Embracing the Symptom? The Four Discourses in Church and Theology*

Constantinos Emmanouilidis: *Remarks on Truth in Postmodern Times (Psychoanalytic thoughts and reflections in dialogue with Orthodoxy)*

Gregory Jensen: *Orthodoxy and Psychology: Finding Common Ground in Our Shared Poverty*

The texts of the presentations will be published in two collective volumes in the forthcoming months.

Participation of Volos Academy in the World Bioethics Day International Conference "Social Responsibility and Health"

Library of the Faculty of Philosophy
University of Athens, Greece
October 19, 2022

The International Chair in Bioethics (ICB) is an international organization founded in 2001. For the first 20 years, the organization operated under the auspices of UNESCO (Haifa) and is now officially a Cooperative Center of the World Medical Association (WMA). The WMA has a long-standing history of collaboration with the ICB that has significantly intensified on the international level, particularly with collaboration at the International Conference on Bioethics and, more recently, on the ICB Department of Education online activities. The theme for this year's celebration is "Social Responsibility and Health". The sense of responsibility of individuals towards their societies played a significant role in the prevention of spread and acceptance of vaccination in the Covid-19 pandemic. It was observed worldwide that the responsible behaviours of individuals helped in the containment of the disease and vice-versa.

Volos Academy for Theological Studies paricipates as a co-organizer and is represented by lectures of its President of the Board-of-Directors, His Eminence Ignatius (Georgakopoulos), Metropolitan of Demetrias, its Director, Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis and its research associate, Revd. Dr. Fotios-Filotheos Maroudas.

More info at
https://www.ouc.ac.cy/index.php/en/news-events/news/2583-bioethics2022











Christian Witness in Today's World: Aspects of Modern Orthodox Theology in Greece

Colloquium, October 20–23, 2022
Katholischen Akademie für Sozialwesen
Regensburg, Germany

Co-Organized by the Institute for Eastern Churches
of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Regensburg
and the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

Friday, October 21:

Dr. Rudolf Voderholzer (Bishop of Regensburg): *Current challenges of the Catholic Church*

Gregorios Stergiou (Metropolitan of Cameroon): *The Orthodox Mission in Africa through the Paradigm of the Holy Metropolis of Cameroon. Pastoral Problems of Ancient Societies in the Light of Modernity*

Prof. Dr. Grigorios Papathomas (Metropolitan of Peristeri & Faculty of Theology, University of Athens): *Canon Law: Greek Orthodox Contributions*

Dr. Habil. Dietmar Schon OP (Institute for Eastern Churches, Regensburg): The Social Ethos Document of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Prof. Dr. Dimitrios Moschos (Faculty of Theology, University of Athens): *Political Theory and Orthodox Theology in Modern Greece*

Prof. Dr. Kristina Stoeckl (University of Innsbruck): *Orthodoxy and Human Rights*

Prof. Dr. Vasilios Makrides (University of Erfurt): Greek Orthodox Theology Addressing the Challenges of Modernity

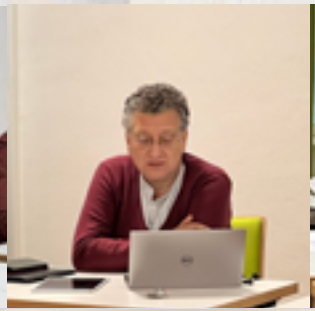
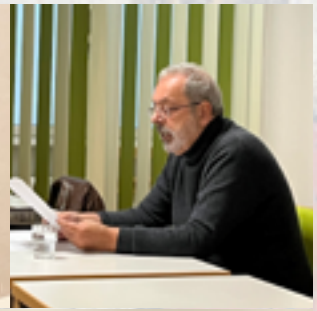
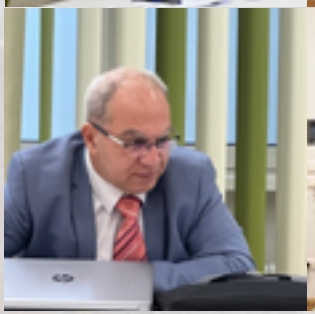
Anna-Theodora Valsamou, MTh (Volos Academy for Theological Studies) Nation and Church in Greek Theology after 2000

Saturday, October 22:

Georgios Vlantis, MTh (Council of Churches of Bavaria, Munich & Volos Academy for Theological Studies): Ecumenism and Greek-Speaking Orthodoxy

Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis (Hellenic Open University & Volos Academy for Theological Studies): *From Neo-Patristics to Post-Patristics: The Place and Role of the Fathers in Modern Greek Orthodox Theology*

Prof. Dr. Ekaterini Tsalampouni (Faculty of Theology, University of Thessaloniki): *The Role of Women in the Church: Impulses from Modern Greek Theology*


IOTA Mega-Conference 2023
"Mission and the Orthodox Church"

January 11–15, 2023

"Thessalia" Conference Center
Park Hotel
"Forum" Conference Center
"Exoraistiki" Club of Volos
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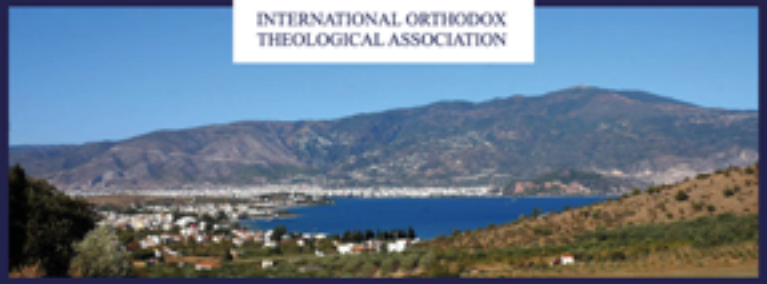
The second mega-conference of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA) will be held in Volos on January 10-15, 2023, four years after the first such conference, in Iasi, Romania, in 2019. The Conference is hosted by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies with the blessing of His Eminence Ignatius, Metropolitan of Demetrias and Almyros. A total of approximately 400 participants is expected. The overall theme of the Conference is "Mission and the Orthodox Church".

Founded in 2017 by Prof. Paul Gavrilyuk, the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA) is a community of scholars and professionals dedicated to the worldwide exchange of knowledge within the context of the Orthodox Tradition. IOTA organizes international conferences and facilitates group research projects, thus contributing to the growth and renewal of the Orthodox Church by supporting pan-Orthodox unity and synodality. As a pan-Orthodox non-profit organization, IOTA does not belong to any local Church and strives to maintain constructive relationships with all Orthodox Churches.

IOTA consists of twenty-seven groups, each representing a distinct knowledge domain pertinent to the Orthodox Christian Studies. The groups are led by internationally respected Orthodox scholars. The groups include Biblical Studies, Canon Law and Pastoral Theology, Christianity in the Middle East, Church Music, Dogmatic Theology, Ecumenical Dialogue, Liturgical Studies, Patristics, and Political Theology.

The call for papers was announced in February 2022, while registration for the Conference began in the summer of 2022. More information is available on the IOTA website (https://iota-web.org/), including the detailed program of the Conference at https://iota-web.org/volos-conference-program/

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SECOND INTERNATIONAL MEGA-CONFERENCE

JANUARY 11-15, 2023
VOLOS, GREECE

Time for Action - 3

Taking advantage of the capacities of the modern communication technology, and after the successful implementation of the two previous cycles (2020-2021 and 2021-2022), Volos Academy for Theological Studies organizes a new series of public lectures, aspiring to open a debate with the broader public regarding topical issues of theological, philosophical and also of wider spiritual and existential interest. For this purpose, eminent speakers from Greece and abroad, clergy and laity, university professors and competent researchers, will be invited to offer their fruitful and creative reflection on important topics for the third consecutive year.

This year's series (February-June 2023) will revolve, among other things, around the current theological and ecclesiastical challenges posed by the Russian invasion of Ukraine for the unity and future of global Orthodoxy, while examining the role of Orthodox Christians in modern ever-changing world in the field of mission, public witness, anthropology and soteriology, pastoral issues, dialogue with other religious traditions, and much more. Having largely returned to normality after two years of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's series will adopt a hybrid format, where in addition to the purely online meetings there will also be lectures with a physical presence in Volos and Athens and simultaneous webcast, while, where necessary, there will be interpretation into English and Greek.

The programme of this year's series is as follows.

Wednesday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. Athens time
ORTHODOXY IN AFRICA: PROBLEMS, CHALLENGES, PROSPECTS
Metropolitan Gregorios (Stergiou) of Cameroon
Moderator: **Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis**, Director of the Volos Academy of Theological Studies

Thursday, March 9, 7:00 p.m. Athens time
"SOSON, KYRIE, TON LAON SOU (SAVE, LORD, YOUR PEOPLE)":
THE SACRALIZATION OF VIOLENCE IN ECCLESIASTICAL TEXTS
Dr. George Demacopoulos, Professor and Co-Founding Director of the Center of Orthodox Christian Studies of Fordham University, New York, USA
Moderator: **Dr. Niki Tsironis**, Research Associate (Department of Byzantine Studies) of the Hellenic National Research Institute

Monday, April 3, 8:00 p.m. Athens time
"IN THE BACK YARD OF THE SOCIETY". IMPRISONED AND RELEASED WOMEN, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION.
Klimis Pyrounakis, Coordinator of the Network for Imprisoned and Released Women, Ex-Director of the "Second Chance" Adult Education School of the Eleonas Prison, Thiva



Poster image: Tasos Babatzias, *Night rooster*, acrylic on cardboard, 2021

Moderator: **Thanasis Karagiannis,** Director of the 33th Elementary School of Volos in the Juvenile Penal Department of Volos

Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. Athens time
THE THIRD ROME: MOSCOW AND THE HOLY SEAT OF ORTHODOXY
Round table on the occasion of the second edition of the book with the same title by Alexander Massavetas. Panelists:
Alexander Massavetas, Journalist, Author
Metropolitan Grigorios (Papathomas) of Peristeri, Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Athens & Orthodox Institute of St Sergius, Paris
Thanasis Samaras, Journalist
Dimitris Triantafyllidis, Journalist, Writer, Translator
Moderator: **Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis**, Director of the Volos Academy of Theological Studies

Wednesday, May 17, 8:00 p.m. Athens time
ORTHODOX POWER:
NEGOTIATING THEOLOGIES OF HIERARCHY AND DEMOCRACY
Dr. Ashley Purpura, Associate Professor in Religious Studies, Purdue University, Indiana, USA
Moderator: **Rev. Dr. Cyril Hovorun**, Professor, Stockholm School of Theology, Sweden

Wednesday, June 7, 8:00 p.m. Athens time
ECCLESIATICAL AUTHORITY AND ACADEMIC FREEDO
Round Table
Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director of the Volos Academy of Theological Studies
Dr. Ionut Biliuta, Gh. Sincai Institute of Social Sciences, Romanian Academy, Bucharest
Mrs. Inga Leonova, **MA,** Director, *The Wheel* Magazine, Boston, USA
Moderator: **Dr. Assaad Elias Kattan**, Professor of Orthodox Theology, University of Muenster, Germany

Wednesday, June 21, 8:00 p.m. Athens time
THEOLOGY OF RELIGIONS IN ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM
Round Table
Dr. Athanasios N. Papathanasiou, Director of the journal *Synaxi*, Associate Professor of the Supreme Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens
Dr. Nayla Tabbara, President of Adyan Foundation, Professor of Islamic Studies, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon
Moderator: **Dr Angeliki Ziaka,** Professor of Religious Studies, Faculty of Theology, Thessaloniki



From ecotheology to ecopraxis: Mobilize Orthodox faith-based communities towards game-changing in energy models and climate action

The project represents a unique in kind (initiative by religious and faith-bodies) and pilot in character initiative in Greece. Based on the relevance and cultural/social impact of religiosity on grassroots people –especially in the context of a still to a high degree traditional country, where religiosity is highly valued– for decisive change and transformation, the project, despite the establishment of an energy community, seeks to carry forward a list of certain activities to encourage faith-based communities, that is parishes (priests and parishioners), as well as ordinary people (either believers or not) to become more engaged in environmental issues, and energy models, including climate change. Church engagement on green issues is not only of invaluable importance for the protection of the environment, but at the same time it is a journey of groups of people not a list of moral commandments to blindly obey, but a life-long journey that needs to unfold gradually.

A. Establishment of Energy Community: The initiative will be co-designed with the Metropolis of Demetrias and will be run as pilot in local Orthodox faith-based legal bodies of the Metropolis of Demetrias and Almyros (Volos, Greece). The expected outcome of this work package is to serve as primer for active engagement of Orthodox religious communities in the pursuit of the target of climate neutrality while at the same time addressing energy poverty and supporting green democracy.

The main actions covered in the context of the proposed grant include the production of a road-map to climate neutrality addressed to dioceses and parishes across Greece. The establishment of a pilot case of a faith-based Energy Community is considered of paramount importance in showcasing the outcome of the roadmap and the environmental and societal benefits resulting from it. To this end a series of approximately six (6) physical (Volos and Athens) and two (2) on-line meetings will take place in advance with technocrats and experts in the field, along with other energy communities and NGO's (e.g. WWF Greece) so as to exchange ideas, experiences, and the necessary know-how, for the (religious) energy community to flourish. In this regard and after the maturation of the general process and idea, an application will be prepared and submitted to the competent state agency for the purpose of approving the installation of PVs on a reserved territory of the local church, which will also undergo a climate footprint audit, in order to set the baseline for future zero carbon pathways. The results will be communicated to the religious community of the country at large and the outcomes as well as the enlargement of the EC will be further discussed in specially organized meetings (January-December 2023)

B. Summer School on "Energy poverty and Green democracy: The role of faith-based communities": The thematic Summer School on the topic "Energy poverty, Green democracy and the role of faith-based communities" gathers a number of Orthodox priests and theologians from various countries (Ukraine, Georgia, Bulgaria and Greece) to meet experts in the field, such as eco-scientists, eco-theologians, WWF members, and policy-makers in order to exchange ideas and good practices of how to address energy poverty in view of the war in Ukraine, taking into account the wider picture of the climate crisis.

The summer school includes the study of a number of issues relevant to modern Orthodox Church concerning: the present status of climate crisis, the relevance of Energy communities and Green Democracy in relation to the problem of energy poverty, how to build a Green parish/church, themes and models of Eco-theology and Eco-practice, eco-educational curricula, etc. Language: English (July 2-22, 2023)

C. Orthodox climate think-tank initiative: Further improvement of this program, which aims at providing thought-leadership on Orthodox climate action under the auspices of the Metropolis of Demetrias and will be operated by the Volos Academy. During the course of this project, the activities covered will comprise of the following (March-April 2023):

> One webinar on Orthodox climate action, disseminating the latest scientific information on the state of climate change and its social and environmental impacts, while focusing on good examples of climate solutions.

> One-line workshop on the relevance of Energy Communities (scope, objectives, advantages, know-how), especially those initiated by faith-based communities, for addressing energy poverty and cultivating green democracy.





Individual and Community in the Wake of the Public Discourse of the Orthodox Church

"THESSALIA" CONFERENCE CENTRE
MELISSATIKA, VOLOS, GREECE
MAY 11 - 14, 2023

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Individual and Community in the Wake of the Public Discourse of the Orthodox Church

International Conference

May 11–14, 2023
"Thessalia" Conference Center
Melissatika, Volos

The Conference is organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies and the Protestant Faculty of Theology, Münster University, in co-operation with the Cluster of Excellence "Politics and Religion" of Münster University. It is a follow-up of the previous one organized by the same institutions in Volos, February 6-9, 2020, on the topic "Politics, Society and Culture in Orthodox Theology in a Global Age," whose proceedings have been published as a book by Brill/Schüoningh, and are accessible at https://brill.com/edcollbook-oa/title/62117/ (Open Access).

The May 2023 conference intends to shed new light on the place of the individual in the Orthodox tradition and theology, its relationship to the community, the communal understanding of the Church and the theology of personhood, as well as issues related to this problématique, such as the weak position of civil society in predominantly Orthodox countries, the questions of pluralism and human rights.

Participants of the Conference, in alphabetic order:

Dr. Theofilos Abatzidis (Research Associate, Volos Academy for Theological Studies)**:** *Personhood and the Self-conscious Subject: Heteronomy and Hetero-definition of Human Being in Modern Greek Theology*

Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis (Deputy Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies): *Western Self and Eastern Personhood: Foes, Strangers or Companions? With Reference to the Church Fathers and Contemporary Theologians*

Dr. Ionut Biliuta (Research Associate, "Gh. Sincai Institute", Târgu Mureş, Romania) *Catholicity and Particularism, Universal and Local, Primacy and Synodality, and their Relationship to Individuality and Community in the Contemporary Orthodox Church*

Prof. Dr. José Casanova (Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University), *Christian Communitarian Individualism*

Prof. Dr. Regina Elsner (Professor of Eastern Churches and Ecumenism, Catholic Theological Faculty, University of Münster), *Community and Individual in Russian Orthodox Tradition*

Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Gräb-Schmidt (Professor at the Institute for Ethics,

Protestant Faculty of Theology, Tübingen University), *The Right of Religious Freedom in modern Secular Society: A Theological Perspective with Special Reference to Orthodox Theology*

Dr. Hans-Peter Grosshans (Professor of the Systematic Theology, Director of the Institute of Ecumenical Theology, Faculty of Protestant Theology, Münster University), *The individual person and the Church – the Church and the individual person*

Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis (Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies), *The Dialectics of Community and Individuality, and the Orthodox Affirmation of Human Rights*

Dr. Christos Karakolis (Professor of New Testament, Athens University, Member of the Board of Directors of Volos Academy), *Of Shepherds and Sheep: Leadership, Individuality, and Togetherness according to the Fourth Gospel's Imagery*

Prof. Dr. Assaad Elias Kattan (Professor of Orthodox Theology, Münster University), *The Sultan and the Philosopher: Christians in the Middle East between Communitarianism and Individual Freedom*

Prof. Dr. Katharina Kunter (Professor of Church History, University of Helsinki), *Being Church in a Fragile Modern World: Individual and Community as a Challenge for Lutheranism in the 20th/21st Century*

Dr. Lidiya Lozova (Post-Doctoral Researcher, Exeter University), *Individual and Community in the Document "For the Life of the World," and its Contribution to the Democratic Process in Ukraine*

Prof. Dr. Dimitrios Moschos (Professor of Church History, Head of the Department of Theology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), *The Place of the Religious "Other" in the Byzantine Zelotic Thinking and the Modern Greek Fundamentalist Groups: A "Self-made" Tradition*

Rev. Prof. Dr. Vassileios Thermos (Professor at the Supreme Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens, Psychiatrist of Children and Adolescents), *Dialectics between person and church community in the context of contemporary civil society*

Prof. Dr. Ekaterini Tsalampouni (Professor of New Testament, Thessaloniki University, Member of the Board of Directors of Volos Academy), *The Marginal Impact of Biblical Studies in Contemporary Greek Orthodox Theology and why it Matters for the Discussion on Individual and Community*

Dr. Marko Vekovic (Associate Professor of Religion and Politics, Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade, Serbia), *The Orthodox Christian Wave of Democratization*

Georgios Vlantis, MTh (Director of the Council of Christian Churches in Bavaria, Research Associate of Volos Academy), *Synod vs. Community? Reconciliation Processes and Receptive Ecumenism in Contemporary Orthodoxy*

Participation of Volos Academy in the EuARe 2023 Conference

June 19–23, 2023
St. Andrews, Scotland, UK

Volos Academy participates in the sixth annual conference of the European Academy of Religion, which will take place in St. Andrews, Scotland, UK. The overall theme is **Religion from the Inside.** Details will be announced soon.



More info: https://www.europeanacademyofreligion.org/euare2023

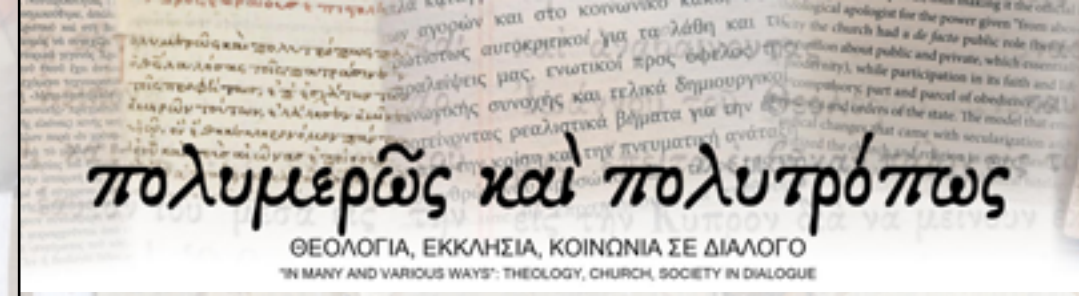
Fourth Summer School for Orthodox Clergy and Lay Theologians from Ukraine

July 2–12, 2023
Melissatika, Volos

The Summer School is addressed to Orthodox clergy and lay theologians from Ukraine. The major goal of the programme is to familiarize the participants with the new socio-cultural challenges (secularism, globalization and religious pluralism, open society etc.) By participating in the training, participants will gain access to resources, physical and digital libraries, and the most recent literature on topics related to the organization and functioning of a Church in the contemporary and highly demanding European environment, as well as a sufficient overview of the most recent developments (representative figures, agenda etc) in the contemporary Orthodox theology of the second half of the 20th and the early 21th century. As the Summer School will take place in Volos, the participants will have an excellent opportunity to come to direct contact with the life and functioning of one of the most vivid and modern dioceses in Greece, the Metropolis of Demetrias, which has been a crossroads of dialogue between cultures and religious traditions for many decades.

This is the fourth summer school of this kind, and the second one that will be realized with physical presence (the Schools of 2021 and 2022 took place online). The picture below comes from the year 2019, when the programme ended with a visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.





"In many and various ways" blog

https://www.polymerwsvolos.org/

The blog "πολυμερώς και πολυτρόπως" ("in many and various ways") was designed to serve as a space for dialogue and fruitful exchange of views for those who want to comment on current issues from a theological point of view or attempt to confront theology with the challenges of the modern world, approaching a wider, not exclusively academic public. Thus the blog includes texts not only of an academic nature but also essays promoting Orthodox theological as well as wider Christian thought. The title "in many and various ways" comes from the opening verse of the Epistle to the Hebrews, thus stating the intention of the blog to serve polyphony and theological pluralism and to accommodate all sound theological tendencies. Along with the tenets of the Holy Seven Ecumenical Councils, the blog respects and adheres to the principles of academic freedom, encouraging its contributors to discover and discern answers appropriate to modern challenges in the Orthodox tradition. The blog has been running since February 2021 and has published almost 100 articles to date, hosting both first-published texts and translations from other reputable sources, such as the Public Orthodoxy blog of the Center for Orthodox Christian Studies at Fordham University. Indicative titles that reveal the topics of the blog are *Why "in many and various ways ..."* (P. Kalaitzidis), *Eschata and Joy* (Fr. Charalambos Papadopoulos "Libyos"), *The descent into the crypt of God* (Fr. Andrea Scrima), *Sacred Nations and Sanctified Places: Eschatology, Ethnocentrism and Geopolitics* (Antoine Courban), *Choosing Reconciliation with the Orthodox: The Experience of a Greek Evangelical* (Meletis Meletiadis), *Liberal Democracy and Christianity* (Haralambos Ventis) etc.

Publications

As a result of the scholarly activity of Volos Academy, a number of books have been published since 2003 (in Greek language, except as indicated):

Pantelis Kalaitzidis (ed.): *Church and Eschatology*, (Athens: Kastaniotis Publications), 2003 (re-published by Volos Academy Publications, 2014)

Islam and Fundamentalism – Orthodox Christianity and Globalization, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2004

Gender and Religion. The Role of Women in the Church, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2004

Religion and Literature (Parts I, II, and III) in the literary journal *Nea Hestia* (March 2004, March 2005, and September 2009, respectively)

Metropolitan Kallistos Ware: *Orthodox Theology in the 21st century*, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2005

Pantelis Kalaitzidis (ed.): *Orthodox Christianity and Modernity*, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2007

Pantelis Kalaitzidis: *Prolegomena on Orthodox Christianity and Modernity*, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2007, also translated and published in Romanian by Eikon publications

Turmoil in Post-war Theology: the Theology of the 60's, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2009

"*And on earth peace...": A Vision and a Demand for Societies and Churches Today. An Orthodox Contribution* (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2010

Church and Culture in Contemporary Greek Theology (published in French in the journal *Istina*, Issue 1, January-March 2010)

Metropolitan Kallistos Ware: *Orthodox Theology in the Twenty-first Century* (Series "Doxa and Praxis: Exploring Orthodox Theology," in collaboration with WCC Publications, in English), 2010

"Many Women Were There...": The participation of Orthodox Women in the Ecumenical Movement: Past, Present, Future, (in English, in collaboration with WCC Publications), 2011

The Christians in the Middle East (in English, in the March 2012 issue of the journal *The Ecumenical Review*)

Pantelis Kalaitzidis: *Orthodoxy and Political Theology* (Series "Doxa and Praxis", in collaboration with WCC publications, as above, in English), 2012

Biblical Theology of Liberation, Patristic Theology and the Ambivalences of Modernity in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2012



Ecclesiology and Nationalism (in English, in the journal *St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 57: 3-4, 2013),

Can Orthodox Theology Be Contextual? Concrete Approaches from the Orthodox Tradition (in English, in *The Journal of Eastern Christian Studies*, 1-4, 2017)

The Renewal of the Greek Theology from the Age of the 60s to the Present (in English, in the journal *Contacts*, 3-4, 2017)

Since 2014, Volos Academy has entered a new and important phase of its publishing program, by the creation of its own publishing label "Ekdotiki Dimitriados – Volos Academy Publications". Publications made under this imprint include:

Costis Drygianakis & Konstantinos Ch. Karagounis (eds.): *Hymns of Passion and the Resurrection from churches of Eastern Thessaly, recorded in situ by Costis Drygianakis, 1991-2002,* 2014 (book with 2 CD's)

Pantelis Kalaitzidis (ed.): *Church and Eschatology* (re-published), 2014

Gennadios of Sassima, Laurentiu of Adreal, Pavel Aurel & Daniel Buda: *Orthodox Perspectives on Ecumenical Theological education. The Ecumenical Movement in the Theological Education and in the Life of Orthodox Churches* (in English), 2014

Joachim G. Persoon: S*pirituality, Power and Revolution: Contemporary Monasticism in Communist Ethiopia,* with *An Overview of the Orthodox Church During Communism* by Vaclav Jezek (in English), 2014

Vangelis Bandelas & Costis Drygianakis (eds): *The bride is a flower: Songs of the Greek Roma people from Sofades, Karditsa*, 2015 (book with CD)

Jean Daniélou: *Essay on the mystery of History* (series "In Dialogue"), 2015

Panayiotis N. Trembelas. Between Tradition and Renewal, Between Academia and Mission (series "Theological Portraits"), 2016

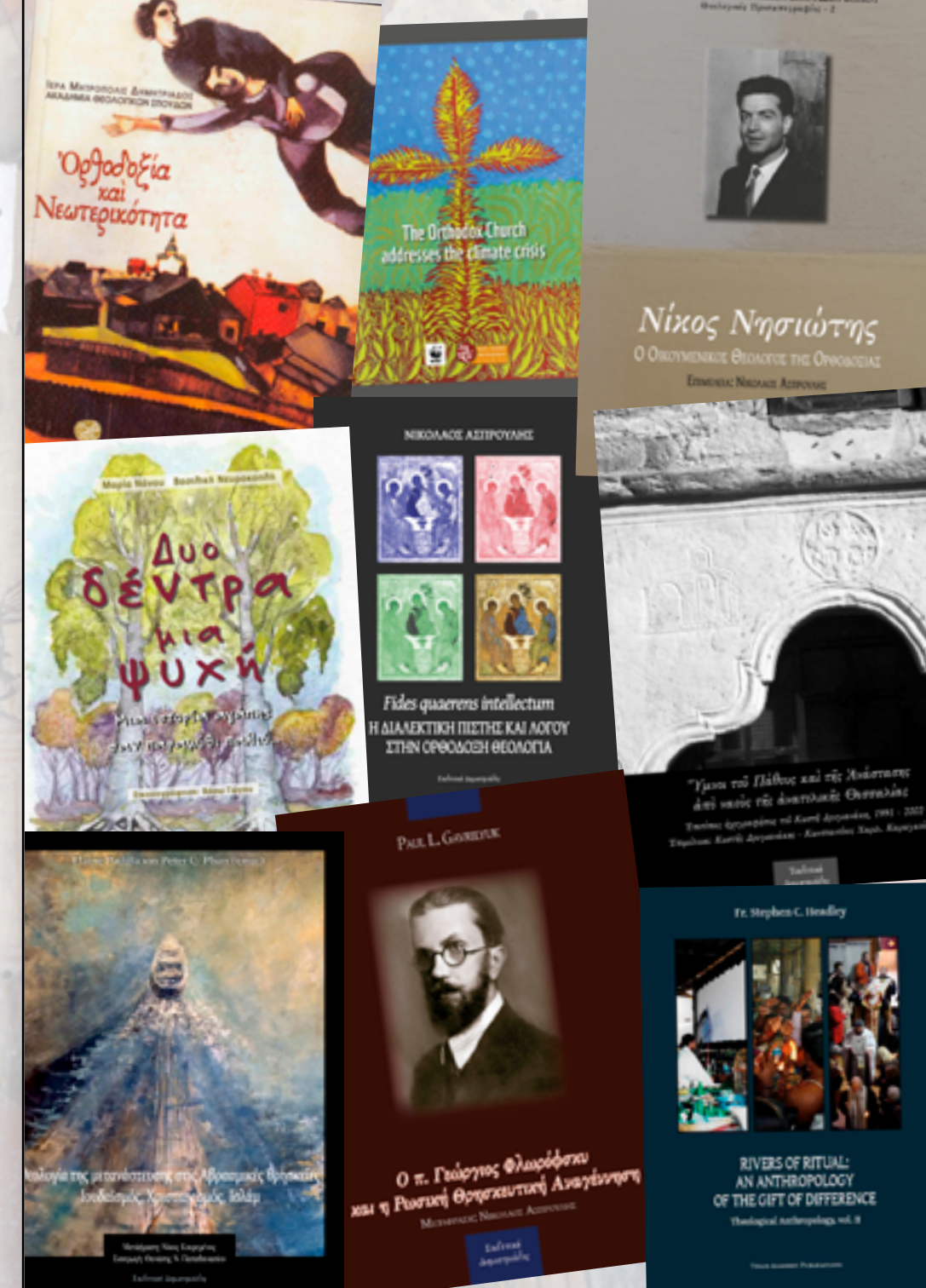
Aristotle Papanikolaou: *The Politics of Theosis. Orthodoxy meets democracy* (series "In Dialogue"), 2016

Markos F. Dragoumis, Costis Drygianakis & Thanasis Moraitis (eds): *Katakaimene Skopele, Songs from Skopelos recorded in 1967 for the Melpo Merlie Archive*, 2016 (book with CD)

Christine Chaillot (ed.): *The Dialogue between the Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Churches* (in English), 2016

Pantelis Kalaitzidis and Nikolaos Asproulis (eds): *Personhood, Eucharist and the Kingdom of God in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective: Synaxis Efcharistias in Honor of Metropolitan John Zizioulas of Pergamon,* 2017

Sarah Wilson & Aikaterini Pekridou (eds): *A Communion in Faith and Love: Elizabeth Behr-Sigel's ecclesiology* (Series "Doxa and Praxis", in collaboration with WCC publications, in English), 2017



Metropolitan Ignatius of Demetrias: *The Orthodox Church of Greece and the Economic Crisis*, foreword by K. Featherstone (English and Greek versions), 2017

Pantelis Kalaitzidis & Nikolaos Asproulis: *The Witness of Orthodoxy to the West. Synaxis Efcharistias in Honor of Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware) of Diokleia*, 2018

Giorgos Kissas, Rev. Vasileios Thermos & Rev. Haralambos Papadopoulos (Livyos): *Narcissism and Self-Empowerment in Social Media*, 2019

Tania Avella (ed.): *Narrating the Holocaust through art and local history*, 2019

Olga Sevastyanova & Nikolaos Asproulis (eds.): *Understanding Orthodox Christian Spirituality Today: Insights from Patristic and Contemporary Theology* (in English), 2019

Nikolaos Asproulis & Nathaniel Wood (eds.): *Time for Action: Orthodox Christianity confronts the Corona Virus Pandemic*, 2020

Stephen C. Headley: *The Songs of the Bridal Chamber: Monks at Prayer* (in English), 2020

Elaine Padilla & Peter C. Phan (eds.): *Theology of Migration in the Abrahamic religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam*, 2021

Nikolaos Asproulis: *Fides quaerens intellectum: Dialectics of faith and logic in Orthodox Theology*, 2021

Theodota Nantsou & Nikolaos Asproulis (eds): *The Orthodox Church Addresses the Climate Crisis* (published in collaboration with WWF Greece, in English), 2021

Nikolaos Asproulis & Olga Sevastyanova (eds.): *Ex Patribus Lux: Essays on Orthodox Theological Anthropology and Georges Florovsky's Theology* (in English), 2021

Alexandra Papadopoulou: *Vosporis* (edited by Rev. Filotheos Maroudas & Vasiliki D. Lambropoulou, published in collaboration with the Theological School of Chalki), 2021

Stephen C. Headley: *Rivers of Ritual: An Anthropology of the Gift of Difference* (in English), 2022

Maria Nanou & Vasiliki Nevrokopli: *Two trees, one soul* (book for kids, illustrated by Vasso Gogou), 2022

Olga Sevastyanova & Nikolaos Asproulis (eds.): *Holiness, Perfection and Theosis: The human being as capax infinitis*, 2022 (in English)

Olya Gluschenko & Costis Drygianakis: *"On the roads we travelled": Unfrequented places in the Metropolis of Demetrias*, 2022 (photo album, bilingual)

Nanou, Maria (ed.): *The Museum of Byzantine Art and Culture of Makrinitsa "Mother of God, Oxeia Episkepsis"*, 2022 (museum catalogue)



Paul L. Gavrilyuk: *Georges Florovsky and the Russian Religious Renaissance*, 2022

Graham McGeoch: *Russian Émigré Theology and Latin American Liberation Theology*, 2023 (in English)

Rowan Williams: *Sergii Bulgakov, Socialism, and the Church*, 2023 (English and Greek versions)

George Demacopoulos: *Five Models of Spiritual Direction in the Early Church* (in preparation for 2023)

Sergei Bulgakov, *Dogma and Dogmatics* (in preparation for 2023)

Nikolaos Asproulis (ed.): *Nikos Nissiotis, the Ecumenical Theologian of Orthodoxy* (series "Theological Portraits", in preparation for 2023)

Pantelis Kalaitzidis & Nikolaos Asproulis (eds.), *Neo-patristic synthesis or Post-patristic theology: Can Orthodox Theology be Contextual?* (in preparation for 2023)





Detail from marble carving, Monastery of St Nikolaos in Paou, Pelion

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Volos Academy for Theological Studies participates in the European Program RESILIENCE, which is a unique, interdisciplinary and invigorating research infrastructure for Religious Studies, building a high-performance platform, supplying evolving tools and big data to scholars from all the scientific disciplines crossing religions in their diachronical and synchronical variety.

The first initiatives to build a Research Infrastructure date back to 2016, which finally led to the launch of RESILIENCE in September 2019. RESILIENCE has since worked on the design of a sustainable European infrastructure for all Religious Studies. This design has now proven to be mature and was successfully evaluated by the ESFRI forum, allowing RESILIENCE to take its place in the strategic Research Infrastructures for the European Research Area.

Characteristic in the infrastructure design is that it includes physical as well as digital access to knowledge about religion. Via this infrastructure, academics who are working in the broad field of Religious Studies will be supported in many ways: they will be able, among other things, to access more resources, to enhance their digital skills, to participate in projects, to promote their research, and to build a professional network. Also other professionals, such as those working in galleries, libraries, archives and museums, policy makers, and representatives of religious communities can benefit from the knowledge offered by RESILIENCE.

On June 30th, 2021, the ESFRI Forum included RESILIENCE in the Research Infrastructure Roadmap 2021. This means that RESILIENCE will take its place in the strategic Research Infrastructures for the European Research Area and that it can work on the further development of the Research Infrastructure for Religious Studies. The placement in the ESFRI Roadmap 2021 assures that the 13 consortium partners, coordinated by the Italian research institution FSCIRE, take the next step. This next step will be the development of the preparation phase, such as ensuring the finances and distribution of tasks among the partners. The new Research Infrastructure is intended to support its users for at least 34 years.

Transnational Access is the first service offered by RESILIENCE to the Religious Studies community. Users of this program gain direct and effective access, both physical and virtual, to the unique collections and expertise of seven leading research institutions and universities in Europe. In addition, for the user, a TNA stay means faster access to resources, which means more effective use of research time. Each host institution also offers a place to



work, help in navigating physical and digital collections, provides locally tailored travel and accommodation tips, as well as additional benefits unique to the institution. Crucially, the TNA user will enjoy expert guidance provided by senior scholars from the host institution, incorporating valuable networking opportunities to the research visit.

In order to get a clear idea of the specific needs of researchers in Religious Studies, RESILIENCE is conducting a series of user-oriented workshops. Via guided individual and group interviews conducted across Europe, RESILIENCE tries to capture the research situation of the participants, as well as their needs, skills and requirements related to a future Religious Infrastructure (RESILIENCE). Themes and questions that will be addressed in the Volos workshop (May 19-20, 2023) include among others an overview of the current state of research in the country, the use of physical and digital tools, possibilities of access to academic mobility and collections.

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Church of the Great Taxiarches, Tsagarada, Pelion.

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