

PROGRAM
of the
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Deaconesses:
Past – Present – Future

31 January - 02 February 2020

ORGANIZED by:



Symposium subjects:

- The Rejuvenation of the Order of Deaconesses
- Biblical, liturgical, Patristic, archeological canonical, theological, and historical analysis
- Critical theological assessment of the recent developments in the Orthodox and other Churches

Applications for distant participation:

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**INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
“DEACONESSES. PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE”**

Venue: A5 Hall of IHU, Thermi, Thessaloniki
(with Zoom interactive coverage)

Friday 31.1.2020

Official Opening

Chair: Emer. Prof. Petros Vassiliadis

17:00-17:30 Greek Time (15:00-15:30 GMT)

Messages and Greetings from Ecclesiastical Authorities:

H.A.H. the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

H.B. the Patriarch of Alexandria Theodoros

H.B. the Archbishop of Athens Hieronymus

and the Hosting Institutions:

Center of Ecumenical, Missiological and Environmental Studies

“Met. Panteleimon Papageorgiou” (CEMES) &

International Hellenic University (IHU)

17:30-18:30 Greek Time (15:30-16:30 GMT)

Welcoming Addresses by the Co-organizing Academic Institutions:

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES CENTER, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

ST. PHILARET’S CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX INSTITUTE

ORTHODOX ACADEMY OF CRETE

ST. PHOEBE CENTER OF DEACONESS

18:30-19:00 Greek Time (16:30-17:00 GMT)

Introduction to the Symposium

Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis – Emer. Prof. Petros Vassiliadis

1st Session

The Patriarchate of Alexandria’s Initiative and its Reactions

Chair: Bishop of Amoriou Nikiforos

19:00-19:20 Greek Time (17:00-17:20 GMT)

**The Patriarchate of Alexandria’s Decision to
Start the Process of the Re-institution of the Order of Deaconesses**

Metropolitan of Nigeria Alexander

19:20-19:40 Greek Time (17:20-17:40 GMT)

**Orthodox Responses to the Possibility of a Rejuvenated Female Diaconate.
The United States Context**

Dr. Teva Regule*

19:40-19:50 Greek Time (17:40-17:50 GMT)

Discussion

Saturday 1.2.2020

2nd Session

The Biblical (OT) & Philosophical Background

Chair: Emer. Prof. Miltiadis Konstantinou

09:00-09:20 Greek Time (07:00-07:20 GMT)

Christ & Gospel in Greek Context. Plato, Christ, Apostle Paul

Dr. Ioanna Sahinidou* ENG

09:20-09:40 Greek Time (20:30-21:00 GMT)

What do we do with Eve's curse?

Dr. Elena Narinskaya ENG

09:40-09:50 Greek Time (7:40-7:50 GMT)

Discussion

3rd Session

The Biblical (NT) and Archeological Background

Chair: Prof. Moschos Goutzioudis

09:50-10:10 Greek Time (07:50-08:10 GMT)

Christian Women at the Alter Table:

Ancient Precedent for the Re-institution of the Order of Deaconesses

Dr. Ally Kateusz* ENG

10:10-10:30 Greek Time (08:10-08:30 GMT)

The Gospel References to Women: A Sociological Reminder

Prof. Dimitrios Passakos GR

10:30-10:50 Greek Time (8:30-8:50 GMT)

The New Theories on Mary Magdalene

Dr. Aikaterina Drosia GR

10:50-11:05 Greek Time (8:50-9:05 GMT)

Discussion

Break 11:05-11:30

4th Session

The Patristic Theological Background

Chair: Emer. Prof. George Martzelos

11:35-11:55 Greek Time (09:35-09:55 GMT)

Sexed bodies that matter in the light of the eschatological anthropology of Gregory of Nyssa (c.335 – c.395) and the re-institution of the order of Deaconesses

Dr. Spyridoula Athanasopoulou-Kypriou ENG

11:55-12:15 Greek Time (09:55-10:15 GMT)

The ontology of gender as a historical mode according to Maximus the Confessor (c. 580-662) and the re-institution of the order of Deaconesses

Dr. Dionysios Skliris ENG

12:15-12:35 Greek Time (10:15-10:35 GMT)

The person of Deaconess Phoebe in the Work of Church Fathers and Ecclesiastical Writers in Early Christianity

Dr. Eirini Artemi GR

12:35-12:50 Greek Time (10:35-10:50 GMT)

Discussion

5th Session

The Early & Later Christian Historical Background

Chair: Prof. Antonia Kyriatzi

16:30-16:50 Greek Time (14:30-14:50 GMT)

St. Nina and Ordination of Women Deacons in Georgian Tradition

Fr. Leonide Beka Ebralidze ENG

16:50-17:10 Greek Time (14:50-15:10 GMT)

The Liturgical Duties of the Ordained Deaconesses in the Byzantine Period

Drnd. Spyros P. Panagopoulos* GR

17:10-17:30 Greek Time (15:10-15:30 GMT)

Female Angels. Holy Women who Lived in Male Monasteries

Panagiotis Andriopoulos GR

17:30-17:45 Greek Time (15:30-15:45 GMT)

Discussion

Break 17:45-18:15

6th Session

The Modern Russian Experience

Chair: Prof. Petros Panagiotopoulos

18:15-18:35 Greek Time (16:15-16:35 GMT)

The Order of Deaconesses according to the 1917-18 Sobor Discussions

Alexander Mramornov* ENG

18:35-18:55 Greek Time (16:35-16:55 GMT)

Female Diaconia in the Context of Communal Fraternal Ecclesiology

Prof. Zoya Dashevskaya ENG

18:55-19:05 Greek Time (16:55-17:05 GMT)

Discussion

7th Session

The (Western) Catholic and the (Eastern) Post-Communist Experience

Chair: Prof. Theodoros Yagou

19:05-19:25 Greek Time (17:05-17:25 GMT)

Women Deacons in the Roman Catholic Church

Prof. Phyllis Zagano* ENG

19:25-19:45 Greek Time (17:25-17:45 GMT)

The Discussion about Deaconesses in the Post-communist Environment

Emer. Prof. Ivan Dimitrov* ENG

19:45-19:55 Greek Time (17:45-17:55 GMT)

Discussion

Sunday 2.2.20

8:00-10:30 DIVINE LITURGY

8th Session

Reports from Other Christian Traditions

Chair: Prof. Niki Papageorgiou

11:00-11:20 Greek Time (9:00-9:20 GMT)

Deaconesses in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Dr. Ihor Shaban* ENG

11:20-11:40 Greek Time (9:20-9:40 GMT)

The Distinctive Diaconate Case in the Anglican Church. An Orthodox Approach.

Spyridoula-Eleni Mantziou, M.Th.* ENG

11:40-11:50 Greek Time (9:40-9:50 GMT)

Discussion

9th Session

The Missiological Dimension of Female Diaconate & Reports from Orthodox Churches

Chair: Prof. Christos Tsironis

11:50-12:10 Greek Time (9:50-10:10 GMT)

Deaconesses under the Prism of Contemporary Orthodox Mission

Dr. Evi Voulgaraki-Pissina GR

12:10-12:30 Greek Time (10:10-10:30 GMT)

Female Deacons in the Patriarchate of Antioch

Prof. Nicolas Abou Mrad* ENG

12:30-12:50 Greek Time (10:30-10:50 GMT)

Laity & Women's Ministries in the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

Prof. Cyril Hovorun* GR

12:50-13:05 Greek Time (10:50-11:50 GMT)

Discussion

10th Session

The Modern Greek Experience

Chair: Prof. Evaggelia Amoiridou

16:30-16:50 Greek Time (14:30-14:50 GMT)

The Diaconia of Women in the Church Today

Aikaterina Karkala, M.Th. GR

16:50-17:10 Greek Time (14:50-15:10 GMT)

The School of Deaconesses and the Reactions of Church of Greece

Prof. Vassiliki Stathokosta GR

17:10-17:30 Greek Time (15:10-15:30 GMT)

St. Nectarios and the Deaconesses

Dr. Evanthia Adamtziloglou GR

17:30-17:50 Greek Time (15:30-15:5 GMT)

The Role of Women in the Life of the Church according to St. Amphilochius of Patmos

Dr. Nikolaos G. Tsirevelos* GR

17:50-18:10 Greek Time (15:50-16:10 GMT)

Discussion

Break 18:10-18:30

Closing Session

Chair: The Organizing Committee (P. Vassiliadis - P. Panagiotopoulos - K. Drosia)

Conclusion of the Symposium – Message to the Churches

19:20-20:00 Greek Time (17:20-18:00 GMT)

End of the Symposium

* With asterisk the distant speakers. GR paper in Greek. ENG paper in English

The selected logo of the symposium is a unique mosaic depiction of the Theotokos above the Alter of St. Sophia Cathedral of Kyiv, from the beginning of the second millennium, not holding Christ however, but as a deaconess

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