Program
International Congress
Under the Auspices
of the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I
“The timeliness
of Patristic Studies
in the Modern World”

Thessaloniki 29-30 May 2019
Amphitheatre A’ Faculty of Theology AUTh
Opening Address

Message of His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I

Message of the President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity Cardinal Kurt Koch

Address of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Markos Bolaris

Keynote Speech

Metropolitan of Sasima Prof. Gennadios (Limouris), Ecumenical Patriarchate

The role and contribution of Patristic Thought to Theological Dialogues in the Modern World. Approaches, challenges and concerns

Coffee Break

Session I

Chair: Prof. Fotios Ioannidis, School of Theology AUTh

Metropolitan of Austria Arsenios (Kardamakis), Ec. Patriarchate

Despair as a modern disease and the word of the Fathers

Archimandrite Elisaios, Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Simonos Petras, Mount Athos

Theology, liturgy and experience

Dr. Jean-Claude Larchet

L'importance des études patristiques pour les études théologiques

Discussion
Wednesday 29/05/2019

Session II

Chair: Metropolitan of Austria Arsenios (Kardamakis), Ec. Patr.

13:00-13:20
Archimandrite Ioannis (Grintzos), Abbot of the Holy Trinity
Retreat in Panorama
The updating of Christ’s life in the modern world

13:20-13:40
Hieromonk Iriney (Pikovskiy), H. M. Sretensky, Moscow
The relationship of anthropology and psychology in the writings
of St. Theophan the Recluse

13:40-14:00
Archimandrite Dr. Chrysostomos Tympas, Holy Metropolis of
Thyateira
Patristic discourse and modern sciences on human subject:
methodological and epistemological challenges

14:00-14:20
Discussion

14:30
Lunch

Session III

Chair: Em. Prof. Fr. Angelo di Berardino, Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum, Rome

17:30-17:50
Dr. Thomai Chouvarda, Sp. Lab. Teaching Staff, School of
Theology, AUTh
The perception of modern saints as bearers of patristic Tradition
in theological research

17:50-18:10
V. Rev. Prof. Constantin Coman, School of Theology, University
of Bucharest
The experience of Divine Things as a basis for the interpretation
of the Scriptures in the Neptic Fathers
Session IV

Chair: Msgr. Andrea Palmieri, Under-Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

18:10-18:30 Fr. Ernesto Sergio Mainoldi, Senior Fellow of Research, University of Salerno
The Eternal Return to the Fathers: On “Pseudomorphosis” and “Corrective” in Contemporary Patristic Historiography

18:30-18:50 Hieromonk Peter, PhD, Holy Patriarchal and Stavropegic Monastery of St. John the Baptist, Maldon Essex
Theology as a spiritual state according to Elder Sofrony (Sakharov)

18:50-19:10 Discussion

19:10-19:30 Coffee Break

Session IV

Prof. Anna Koltsiou, School of Theology, AUTh
Issues of translational criticism in the Patristic Literature of the fourth century

Em. Prof. Fr Angelo di Berardino, Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum, Rome
American Protestants and the Fathers of the Church

V. Rev. Dr. Konstantinos Kenanidis, Orthodox Theological Institute “Apostle Paul”, Brussels
The course of the patristic tradition between adaptation and assimilation in modern reality

21:00 Dinner
Thursday 30/05/2019

Session V

Chair: Rev. Fr. Prof. Porphyrios Georgi, Saint John of Damascus Institute of Theology, University of Balamand, Lebanon

10:00-10:20 Assistant Prof. Georgios Stavropoulos-Giouspasoglou, School of Theology, UoA
*Greek Patrologists over the past forty years*

10:20-10:40 Prof. Symeon Paschalidis, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, AUTh
*The Patriarchal Foundation for Patristic Studies and the revival of patristic studies in Greece*

10:40-11:00 Assistant Prof. Yingxue Chen, Centre for Classical and Medieval Studies, Peking University
*Patristic Studies in China during the last two decades*

11:00-11:20 Discussion

11:20-11:40 Coffee Break

Session VI

Chair: Prof. Symeon Paschalidis, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, AUTh

12:00-12:20 Em. Prof. Claudio Moreschini, University of Pisa
*The interpretation of some theological and Christological problems of the Cappadocian Fathers*

12:20-12:40 V. Rev. PhD Candidate Fr. Vasilios Tsourlis, H. Metr. of Atlanta
*The Patristic Word as a request to the Orthodox Church of America*

12:40-13:00 Rev. Dr. Makarios Niakaros, H. Metr. of Boston
*The Updating of Father’s Tradition of the Orthodox Church of America. The example of Mihail Konstantinidis*

13:00-13:20 Discussion

13:30 Lunch
Session VII

Chair: Prof. Anna Koltsiou, School of Theology, AUTh

17:30-17:50

Associate Prof. Anna Karamanidou, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, AUTh

*The dialogue between theology and science. The proposition of saint Maximus the Greek*

17:50-18:10

Associate Prof. Soultana Lamprou, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, AUTh

*Racial discrimination. The timeliness of the issue and the patristic approach*

18:10-18:30

Rev. PhD Candidate Romanos Kenanidis, Holy Trinity Retreat in Panorama

*The timeliness of teaching of Symeon the New Theologian concerning the modern man*

18:30-18:50

Discussion

Session VII

Chair: Prof. Christos Arabatzis, School of Theology, AUTh

19:00-19:20

Prof. Michele Cutino, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Strasbourg

*The approach to the Greek Fathers in the West between antiquity and contemporaneity*

19:20-19:40

Rev. Fr. Prof. Porphyrios Georgi, Saint John of Damascus Institute of Theology, University of Balamand, Lebanon

*God as Life: the teaching of Saint Gregory Palamas about Divine Economy and its importance today*

19:40-20:00

Prof. Yvan Koenig, CDS, Paris

*The translation into French of Greek Fathers and the rediscovery of saint Gregory Palamas*

20:00-20:20

Discussion
Chair: V. Rev. Dr. Konstantinos Kenanidis, Orthodox Theological Institute “Apostle Paul”, Brussels

Archimandrite Prof. Nikolaos Ioannidis, Theological School of the Church of Cyprus

*Patristic Theology from the past to present*

Conclusions - End of Congress

Dinner

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