

*The Holy and Great Council
of the Orthodox Church:
Orthodox Theology
in the 21st Century*

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Monday **21 May 2018:**

Official Opening of the Conference

Presentation of Program: **Prof. Dimitra Koukoura**

18.00- 19.00

Saint George Church (Rotunda)

Welcome

Concert of Byzantine music

Association «Romanos the Melodist», under the Direction of
Panagiotis Neochoritis, Archon Protopsaltis of the Great
Church of Christ

19.30-20.30

Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)

1. Message : His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew
2. Greetings of Academic, Ecclesiastical and Civil
Authorities

20.30- 22.00

Garden of the Faculty of Philosophy

Reception

Tuesday 22 May 2018:

Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)

09:30-13:00

Plenary Morning Sessions

1st Session

09.30- 11.00

- Chair: ***H.E. Metropolitan of Miletos Apostolos – Prof. Symeon Paschalidis***
- 09.30-09.50 ***H.B. Archbishop of Albania***
Em. Prof. Anastasios,
«The Rekindling of Mission on new Frontiers and the Holy and Great Council»
- 09.50-10.10 ***H.E. Metropolitan of Târgoviște Prof. Nifon,***
«The Mission of the Church in the Contemporary World in the Light of the Decisions of the Great and Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church»
- 10.10-10.30 ***V. Rev. Prof. Porphyrios Georgi,***
«Theology as Love of Beauty: The Witness of the Church Fathers in the 21st Century»
- 10.30-11.00 Discussion
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Tuesday

Tuesday **22 May** 2018:

Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)

2nd Session

11.30-13.00

- Chair: **Rev. Prof. Vasileios Kalliakmanis –
Rev. Dr John Chryssavgis**
- 11.30 -11.50 **H.E. Archbishop Geron of America
Em. Prof. Demetrios,**
«Orthodox Diaspora: Perspectives following
the Holy and Great Council of Crete»
- 11.50-12.10 **H.E. Metropolitan of Monte Negro
Em. Prof. Amphilohije,**
«The Participation of the Orthodox Serbian
Church in the Holy and Great Council of the
catholic Orthodox Church»
- 12.10-12.30 **Sister Dr Vassa Larin,**
«The Mystery vs. the History of the Church's
‘Oneness’»
- 12.30-13.00 Discussion
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch
Faculty of Theology (4th floor)

Tuesday

Tuesday 22 May 2018:

Evening Parallel Sessions

Faculty of Theology

17.00-20.30

Amphitheaters A, B, C, D and Classroom A.

Session A

17.00 - 19.00

Amphitheater A

Chair: ***Prof. Ekaterini Tsalampouni***

17.00-17.15 ***Dagmar Heller Prof.***,

The relations of the Orthodox Church with non-orthodox Christians according to the Holy and Great Council. A Protestant Perspective»

17.15-17.30 ***Elizabeth Prodromou Prof.***,

«From the 2016 Council of Crete to an Orthodox Theology of Global Engagement: Transfiguring the World as a Global Church»

17.30-17.45 ***Cyril Hovorun Rev. Prof.***,

«The Response of Russian Church to the Pan-Orthodox Synod» (GR)

17.45-18.30 Discussion

18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater B

Chair: ***Rev. Prof. Athanasios Gikas***

17.00-17.15 ***Philip Zymaris Rev. Prof.***,

«Evolution and Variety in Fasting Rules in the Orthodox Church»

17.15-17.30 ***Despina Prassas Prof.***,

«Orthodoxy in the Diaspora: Ecumenical Marriages, Divided Families»

Tuesday

- 17.30-17.45 **Athanasios Stogiannidis Prof.**,
«The Ecumenical Witness of the Orthodox
Church for the Formation and Education of
Youth» (GR)
- 17.45-18.30 Discussion,
- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater C

- Chair: **Prof. Vassilios Koukoussas**
- 17.00-17.15 **Sergei Brun Dr.**,
«The Infrastructure of Conciliarity.
The Mathematical and Material Challenge of
Contemporary Orthodox Ecclesiology»
- 17.15-17.30 **Svetoslav Ribolov Prof.**,
«The Holy and Great Council and Orthodox
Neo-Conservatism» (GR)
- 17.30-17.45 **James Wiegel M.A.**,
«Gregory of Nyssa and the Prayer of
Metropolitan Timotheos – Terms for sexual
Difference in Orthodox Theology»
- 17.45-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater D

- Chair: **Prof. Nikolaos Maggioros**
- 17.00-17.15 **Maximos Metropolitan of Silyvria Dr.**,
«The Holy and Great Council from the per-
spective of one of its members»
- 17.15-17.30 **Sotirios Despotis Prof.**,
«The Apostolic Council of Jerusalem (48 A.D) –
The Holy and Great Council (2016): Church
and Oikoumene before two successive
millennia» (GR)

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- 17.30-17.45 **Demetrios Nikolakakis Prof.**,
«Autocephaly and Autonomy on the way
towards the Holy and Great Council of the
Orthodox Church» (GR)
- 17.45-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Classroom A (2nd floor)

- Chair: **Rev. Prof. Nicodemos Skrettas**
- 17.00-17.15 **Maria Hatziapostolou Dr.**,
«The Anthropological dimension of the Holy
and Great Council of the Orthodox Church:
Problems and perspectives for the future of
Orthodox Theology»
- 17.15-17.30 **Aristarchos Grekas Rev. Dr.**,
«The contribution of the Orthodox Church in
peace building» (GR)
- 17.30-17.45 **Nikolaos Kouremenos Dr.**,
«Facilitating the road towards unity:
The Christology of Coptic Liturgies as a point
of convergence of the Eastern Orthodox and
the Oriental Orthodox Churches»
- 17.45-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Session B

19.00-20.30

Amphitheater A

- Chair: **Prof. Konstantinos Christou**
- 19.00-19.15 **Ioannis Panagiotopoulos Prof.**,
«The question of the preparation of the Holy
and Great Council of the Orthodox Church»
(GR)

Tuesday

- 19.15- 19.30 ***Irini Christinaki Prof.***,
«The legislativ method of the Holy and Great
Council of Crete» (GR)
- 19.30-19.45 ***Vassiliki Stathokosta Prof.***,
«Orthodox Theology and Oikoumene: From the
first Conference of Orthodox Theology until
today» (GR)
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

Amphitheater B

- Chair: ***Prof. Angeliki Ziaka***
- 19.00-19.15 ***Konstantinos Zarras Prof.***,
«Communicating Holiness: The mystical
element as a contributing factor in inter-
religious dialogue»
- 19.15- 19.30 ***Apostolos Kralidis Prof.***,
«The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox
Church and Interfaith dialogue: Proposals and
Perspectives» (GR)
- 19.30-19.45 ***Michael Marioras Prof.***,
«Outreach to people of other faiths in Europe
and in Greece: Realities, preconditions and
expectations for the Orthodox priest» (GR)
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

Amphitheater C

- Chair: ***Rev. Prof. Vassilios Georgopoulos***
- 19.00-19.15 ***Demetrios Moschos Prof.***,
«The byzantine past: privilege or obstacle to a
conciliarity of the future? » (GR)
- 19.15- 19.30 ***Demetrios Keramidas Prof.***,
«Orthodox Christianity in the 21st Century»

Tuesday

- 19.30-19.45 **Gregory Tucker M.A.**,
«Olivier Clément and Vernacular Liturgy, Again
and Again»
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

Amphitheater D

- Chair: **Prof. Moschos Goutzioudis**
- 19.00-19.15 **Petros Vassiliadis Em. Prof.**,
«Conciliarity and Consensus (συναίνεσις).
In the Early Church, in present day and the
future»
- 19.15- 19.30 **Will Cohen Prof.**,
«Catholicity, Unanimity, and Authority: Some
Reflections after Crete»
- 19.30-19.45 **Irakli Jinjolava M.A.**,
«Synodical principle as the key to church unity
against the background of the Holy and Great
Council»
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

Dinner

Saint Theodora Monastery

20.45-21.45

Tuesday

Wednesday **23 May** 2018:

Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)

09:30-13:00

Plenary Morning Sessions

1st Session

09.30- 11.00

Panel: «The Holy and Great Council –View of Other Christian Traditions»

Chair: ***Prof. Miltiadis Konstantinou –
Prof. Dimitra Koukoura***

09.30-09.45 ***Gennadios Metropolitan of Sassima Prof.,***
«Being Together: Orthodoxy in Unity and Conciliarity in a Pluralistic World»

09.45-10.00 ***Rev.K.M.George Prof.,***
«Conciliarity, Democracy and the Social Media: An Indian Perspective»

10.00-10.15 ***Rev. Dr Frans Bouwen,***
"Relations of the Orthodox Church with the Rest of the Christian World. A Roman Catholic Point of View on the Document of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church."

10.15-10.30 ***Prof. Jennifer Wasmut,***
«Step forward or backward? The document "Relations of the Orthodox Church with the Rest of the Christian world" in an Ecumenical Perspective»

10.30-10.45 ***Dr Canon Jamie Hawkey,***
«Sentire cum ecclesia – Anglicanism, Synodality, and discerning the mind of the Church."

10.45-11.00 ***Rev.Prof. Mattheus Odair Pedroso,***
«Notes on Orthodoxy and Modern Ecumenicity»

Wednesday

10.30-11.00 Discussion
11.00-11.30 Coffee break

2nd Session

12.00-13.00

Chair: ***Prof. Panagiotis Skaltsis –
Rev. Prof. Chrysostomos Nassis***

12.00-12.30 ***Prof. Paul Meyendorff,***
«The Council Documents on Fasting and
Marriage: A Critical Responses»

12.30-13.00 ***Rev. Prof. Viorel Sava,***
«The Parish as Factor and Model of Unity in a
Divided World. A Liturgical – Pastoral
Approach of Our Times»

13.00-13.30 Discussion

14.00-15.00 Lunch
Faculty of Theology
(4th floor)

Wednesday

Wednesday 23 May 2018:

Evening Parallel Sessions

Faculty of Theology

17.00-20.30

Amphitheatres A, B, C, D and Classroom A.

Session A

17.00 - 19.00

Amphitheater A

Chair: **Prof. Michael Tritos**

17.00-17.15 **Kyrillos Bishop of Abydos Prof.**,
«Evaluation of the Holy and Great Council documents by the four Churches that did not participate to it» (GR)

17.15-17.30 **Gregorios Papathomas Rev. Prof.**,
«From the realized Holy and Great Council of Crete (2016) to an [anticipated] similar Council of the Orthodox Church (Ecclesio-canonical and Anthropological challenges)» (GR)

17.30-17.45 **Symeon Paschalidis Prof.**,
«The Holy and Great Council and its place among the Great Councils of the Orthodox Church» (GR)

17.45-18.30 Discussion

18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater B

Chair: **Rev. Prof. Christos Filiotis**

17.00-17.15 **Emmanuel Clapsis Rev. Prof.**,
«Mission and Dialogue»

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- 17.15-17.30 ***Dimitra Koukoura Prof.***,
«Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord?
(Psalm 106:2) And how?»
- 17.30-17.45 ***Gregory Edwards Rev. Dr.***,
«Orthodox Christian Witness for the Third
Millenium: Improving the Mission Document»
- 17.45-18.30 Discussion,
- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater C

- Chair: ***Prof. Crysostomos Stamoulis***
- 17.00-17.15 ***Apostolos Nikolaidis Prof.***,
«The Social Dynamic and Social Resonance of
the Holy and Great Council» (GR)
- 17.15-17.30 ***Aristotle Papanikolaou Prof.***,
«A Christian Secularism»
- 17.30-17.45 ***Niki Papageorgiou Prof.***,
«The question of renewal in the Orthodox
Church» (GR)
- 17.45-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater D

- Chair: ***Prof. Constantinos Bozinis***
- 17.00-17.15 ***Nathanael Neacsu Rev. Prof.***,
«The Ecumenicity of the Orthodox Church or
the Theological Foundation and the
“Methodology” of the Ecumenical Relation
ships with the Heterodox Christians»
- 17.15-17.30 ***Pablo Argarate Prof.***,
«Roman Catholic Perspectives on the Holy
and Great Council. A Comparison with
Vatican II» (GR)

- 17.30-17.45 ***Nikolaos Ludovicos Rev. Prof.***,
«Primacy and Conciliarity in the academic
dialogues between the Roman Catholic and
Orthodox members of the “Saint Ireneus”
International Joint Working Group of Roman
Catholic and Orthodox Theologians: problems
and perspectives» (GR)
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- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

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Session B

19.00-20.30

Amphitheater A

- Chair: **Prof. Panagiotis Yfantis**
- 19.00-19.15 **Georgios Pavlos Prof.**,
«Orthodox Theology and the Crisis of History»
- 19.15- 19.30 **Theodoros Alexopoulos Prof.**,
«The historical-dogmatical significance of the statement of the Holy and Great Synod on the universal authority of the Synod of 879/80 and the so-called Palamite Synods (Encyclical I.3). Ecumenical perspectives on the issues of Primacy and the Filioque»
- 19.30-19.45 **Stavros Yagazoglou Prof.**,
«The Orthodox Church in Dialogue. The dialectical nature of the Church and its mission in the contemporary world» (GR)
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

Amphitheater B

- Chair: **Rev. Prof. Porphyrios Georgi**
- 19.00-19.15 **Thomas Fitzgerald Rev. Prof.**,
«The Orthodox-Catholic Bilateral Theological Consultation in North America»
- 19.15- 19.30 **Athanasios Vletsis Prof.**,
«The Holy and Great Council in the German theological and ecclesial world» (GR)
- 19.30-19.45 **Peter Petkoff Prof.**,
«Awakening the Conciliar Tradition in A New Millennium as a Dialogue Between Charismatic and Proceduralist Legal Cultures»
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

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Amphitheater C

- Chair: **Prof. Charalampos Atmazidis**
- 19.00-19.15 **Alexandros Papaderos Dr,**
«The Church against provocative threat...
based on the principles of the Gospel» with
emphasis on «ownership of the economy»
(GR)
- 19.15- 19.30 **Konstantinos Kotsiopoulos Prof.,**
«Human rights in modern society according
to the Holy and Great Council of Crete» (GR)
- 19.30-19.45 **Christos Tsironis Prof.,**
«The Mission of the Orthodox Church in
Today's World" (Holy and Great Council 4th
Document of the Holy and Great Council):The
social perspective of the Orthodox Theology in
the second Modernity» (GR)
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

Amphitheater D

- Chair: **Prof. Miltiadis Vantsos**
- 19.00-19.15 **Konstantinos Zorbas Dr,**
«The encyclical of the Holy and Great Council
of the Orthodox Church: does a social
teaching of the Orthodox Church exist?» (GR)
- 19.15- 19.30 **Tikhon Vasilyev Hieromonk M.A.,**
«Pan-Orthodox Meetings and Associations
before and after Crete»
- 19.30-19.45 **Pantelis Kalaitzidis Dr,**
«Pending Issues and Future Challenges. After
the Convening of the Great and Holy Council»
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

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Chair: ***Prof. Ilias Evangelou***

19.00-19.15 ***Radu Bordeianu Rev. Dr,***
«The Local Eucharistic Assembly: The Parish
and Its Various Ministries»

19.15- 19.30 ***Mariyan Stoyadinov Prof.,***
«Universal Church or Conglomeration of
Parallel Universes (Between Theology and
Practice of Contemporary Orthodox
Universality). The national existence and the
eschatological challenge of the Diaspora»

19.30-19.45 ***Nikolaos Asproulis Dr,***
Ockham's Razor: Theological Hermeneutics
and Systematic Theology. Is there a future for
Orthodox theology?»

19.45-20.30 Discussion

Dinner

The Military Club of Thessaloniki

20.45-22.00

Wednesday

Thursday **24 May** 2018:

Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)

09:30-13:00

Plenary Morning Sessions

1st Session

09.30- 11.00

Panel: «The Holy and Great Council –View of Other Christian Traditions»

Chair: ***H.Gr. Bishop of Amorion Nicephoros – Prof. Konstantinos Christou***

09.30-09.50 ***H.Gr. Bishop of Christoupolis Dr Makarios***
«Severing Communion with the Bishop according to the 15th Canon of the First-Second Council»

09.50-10.10 ***H. Gr. Archbishop of Telmessos Prof. Job,***
«The Holy and Great Council as an Experience of Synodality»

10.10-10.30 ***Prof. Theodoros Giagou,***
«The Holy and Great Council: reality and perspective»

10.30-11.00 Discussion

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

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2nd Session

11.30-13.00

Chair: ***Prof. Apostolos Nikolaidis –
Prof. Athanasios Vletsis***

11.30- 11.50 ***H. E. Metropolitan of Messinia Prof.
Chrysostomos,***

«The Decisions of the Holy and Great Synod
of the Orthodox Church and the Future of the
theological studies - What does the Church
expect from Theology?»

11.50-12.10 ***H.E. Metropolitan of Bursa Prof.
Elpidophoros,***

«The next Holy and Great Council. Agenda,
Questions»

12.10-13.00 Discussion

13.30-14.30 Lunch

Faculty of Theology
(4th floor)

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Thursday 24 May 2018:

Evening Parallel Sessions

Faculty of Theology

17.00-20.30

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Session A

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Amphitheater A

Chair: **Prof. Fotios Ioannidis**

17.00-17.15 **Christos Arampatzis Prof.,**

«The Christian world in the 20th century and the saints of the Orthodox Church» (GR)

17.15-17.30 **Vassilios Tsingos Prof.,**

«The “perichoretic” word of Orthodox Theology in the 21st century» (GR)

17.30-17.45 **George Anagnostopoulos Rev. Prof.,**

«Christ, Holy Trinity and the Orthodox Church in the 21st Century: Do the Dogmas Change?»

17.45-18.30 Discussion

18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater B

Chair: **Bishop of Abydos Prof. Kyrillos**

17.00-17.15 **Grigorios Larentzakis Em. Prof.,**

«The necessity of theological dialogues based on the decisions of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church in Crete, June 2016» (GR)

17.15-17.30 **Stylianos Tsompanidis Prof.,**

«Orthodoxy and the Oecumene in the 21st century: The “ecclesiological challenge” after the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox

Church in Crete (2016)» (GR)

- 17.30-17.45 **Smilen Markov Dr.**
«The concept of ἀνακεφαλαίωσις in the Documents of the Holy and Great Council of Crete as a Theological Criterion for Dialogue»
- 17.45-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater C

- Chair: **Prof. Evangelia Amoiridou**
- 17.00-17.15 **Kyriaki Fitzgerald Prof.**,
«Discerning the Ministries of Women: Inspiring Perspectives from Orthodox Faithful, Today»
- 17.15-17.30 **Natalia Vasilevich M.A.**,
«The Church for the World: the Ecclesiological Project of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church»
- 17.30-17.45 **Edward Siecienski Prof.**,
«Past Plans and Future Dialogue: Three Orthodox Proposals for Recognizing the Roman Primacy (1054 – 1253)»
- 17.45-18.30 Discussion
- 18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater D

- Chair: **Prof. Anna Nikita-Koltsiou**
- 17.00-17.15 **Thomas Ioannidis Prof.**,
«Orthodox Theology and contemporary slavery. A Biblical foundation» (GR)
- 17.15-17.30 **Ivan Dimitrov Em. Prof.**,
«The Orthodox Theological Schools and their cooperation on the way to the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Church»

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- 17.30-17.45 **Christos Karakolis Prof.**,
«The practice of fasting in the contemporary
world in light of the Pauline witness» (GR)
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18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Session B

19.00-20.30

Amphitheater A

- Chair: **Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Clapsis**
19.00-19.15 **Vassiliki Mitropoulou Prof.**,
«Evangelism through modern channels of
communication»
19.15- 19.30 **John Klentos Prof.**,
«Tradition, Translation, and Technology:
Liturgy in an Age of Councils
19.30-19.45 **George Kovalenko Prof.**,
«The idea of Open Orthodoxy and Theology
online»
19.45-20.30 Discussion

Amphitheater B

- Chair: **Metropolitan of Selyvria Dr Maximos**
19.00-19.15 **Alexander Rentel Rev Prof.**,
«Eucharistic Ecclesiology and the Council in
Crete»
19.15- 19.30 **Maxym Lysack Rev. Dr**,
«Challenges to Orthodox Ecclesiology and
Theological Vision in the 21st Century»
19.30-19.45 **Vaclav Jezek Rev Prof.**,
«Inside or outside the Church? What is the
Church? Issues in Orthodox ecclesiology»
19.45-20.30 Discussion

Thursday

Amphitheater C

- Chair: **Prof. Paul Meyendorff**
- 19.00-19.15 **Brandon Gallaher Prof.**,
«The Orthodox Moment: The Holy and Great Council in Crete and Orthodoxy's Encounter with the West: Prospects for Ecumenical Dialogue»
- 19.15- 19.30 **Paul Gavriljuk Prof.**,
«The Creation of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA) and the Re-Building of Pan-Orthodox Unity from Below»
- 19.30-19.45 **Sergios Marnellos Rev. Prof.**,
«The metropolitan system, a challenge and opportunity for today» (GR)
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

Amphitheater D

- Chair: **Prof. Athanasios Paparnakis**
- 19.00-19.15 **Kyriakoula Papademetriou Prof.**,
«Semiotic analysis of the Apostolic Council according to Information in the New Testament. References and relations to the Holy and Great Council» (GR)
- 19.15- 19.30 **Amphilochios Meltos Rev. Dr.**,
«Conciliarity and its realization: Towards a common quest of Orthodox and Roman Catholics» (GR)
- 19.30-19.45 **Ekaterini Karkala M.A.**,
«The post-Council era in the ecumenical dialogue»
- 19.45-20.30 Discussion

Thursday

Classroom A (2nd floor)

Chair: ***Prof. Soultana Lamprou***

19.00-19.15 ***Dmitry Gasak Prof.***,
"Sobornost: the Image of Church Structure or
Profession of Faith"

19.15- 19.30 ***Davide Dainese Dr.***,
"The relationship between orthodoxy and
heterodoxy after the so-called Great
Persecution (303-313 AC)"

19.45-20.30 Discussion

Dinner

Saint Theodora Monastery

20.45-21.45

Friday **24 May** 2018

**All day Excursion to the Macedonian Royal Tombs of
Vergina and the Monastery of Saint Dionysius of
Olympus**

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Friday

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