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HELLENIC COLLEGE AND HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

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THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011, 7:30 PM

Ekphrasis: Materializing Martyria Then and Now

Vasiliki Limberis, Temple University

Professor Vasiliki Limberis is Associate Professor of Ancient Christianity, at Temple University, Department of Religion, and affiliate faculty in the Department of Greek and Roman Classics, where she has taught since 1990. She holds both a masters and doctoral degree from Harvard Divinity School. Professor Limberis is trained in the History of Ancient Christianity and is fascinated by the interplay of religious cultures – pagan, Christian, Jewish – in the first five centuries of the common era. She has published numerous articles on the Cappadocian Fathers, the cult of the Theotokos, and the interplay of imperial policy and ecclesiastical politics during the Theodosian period. Professor Limberis' most recent book, *Architects of Piety: The Cappadocian Fathers and the Cult of the Martyrs*, has just come out from Oxford University Press.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011, 7:30 PM

Aquinas in Byzantium

Marcus Plested, Institute of Advanced Study

Marcus Plested is Vice-Principal and Academic Director of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies in Cambridge (UK). He was schooled in London and educated at Merton College, Oxford, where he wrote his doctoral thesis under the supervision of Metropolitan Kallistos Ware. He is the author of *The Macarian Legacy* (Oxford 2004) and of many dozens of articles on Patristics and Eastern Orthodoxy. He has also lectured widely across the Orthodox world. In 2010-11 he is a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, completing a book on Orthodox readings of Thomas Aquinas.

Lectures will be held in the Reading Room of the Archbishop Iakovos Library.

For more information, please call 617-850-1213.

ABOUT THE CHAIR

The Michael G. and Anastasia Cantonis Chair of Byzantine Studies is an endowed chair for the study of Byzantine history and society. Established in 2007 through the generosity of the Cantonis family, the chair adds to an already strong tradition at Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in the study of Greek language, culture, history and the arts from the classical through the modern periods. In particular, the Cantonis Chair promotes Byzantine studies through academic coursework, a strengthened library collection, public lectures, and academic conferences.