Orthodox Theological Society in America
Consultation and Annual Meeting
June 12-14, 2008
Cenacle Retreat Center
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, June 12

1:00 p.m. - Arrival, Check-in, Registration

Consultation: Being Orthodox in the Academy: Does It Matter? Should It Matter?
Co-sponsored by the Office of Vocation and Ministry at Hellenic College–Holy Cross Greek
Orthodox School of Theology

Orthodox Christian Institutions of Higher Learning: The Vision and History of Orthodox
Undergraduate Education in the U.S.
2:00-2:30 pm Thomas Lelon, Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees, Hellenic College, Inc.
“Hellenic College”
2:30-3:00 pm John Erickson, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary
“St. Vladimir’s Pre-theology Program”
3:00-3:30 pm James Cutsinger, University of South Carolina
“Rose Hill College”

New Involvement of Orthodox in Higher Education
3:45-4:25 pm John Jillions, Sheptytsky Institute, Saint Paul University (Ottawa)
“Integrating Orthodox Theological Education into the University: Case
Studies from Cambridge (UK) and Canada”
4:25-4:50 pm Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks
“Byzantine Christian Humanism and the Great Books: Introducing the
Undergraduate Curriculum of a New Orthodox College”
4:50-5:15 pm Daniel Buxhoeveden, University of South Carolina
“Religion and Culture in a Secular University”
5:30 pm  Vespers (Chapel)
6:00 pm  Dinner (Dining Room)

Evening Plenary Address
7:30 pm  Andrea Sterk, University of Florida
          “Faith and Learning in Higher Education: Historical Reflections for Orthodox Scholars Today”
8:30 pm  Reception

Friday, June 13
8:00-8:30 am  Matins (Chapel)
8:30-9:00 am  Breakfast (Dining Room)

The Vocation of the Orthodox Scholar
9:00–9:20 am  Nonna Verna Harrison, St. Paul School of Theology
              “An Orthodox Faculty Member in a Methodist Seminary”
9:20-9:40 am  Stelyios Muksuris, University of Durham
              “The Priest Scholar in the Academy: Ancient Perspectives and Modern Challenges”
9:40-10:00 am  Vigen Guroian, Loyola College and University of Virginia
               “Teaching Orthodoxy in a State University: Getting Mainstreamed”
10:00-10:20 am  Scott Kenworthy, Miami University of Ohio
                “Orthodoxy and the Academic Study of Religion”
10:20-10:30 am  Discussion

Late Morning Concurrent Sessions: 10:45 am - 12 noon

Session 1  Scholarship and Orthodox Campus Ministry (West Room)
10:45-11:05 am  John Schroedel, University of Chicago
                “Reflections on Orthodox Campus Ministry”
11:05-11:25 am  Frances Kostarellos, Governors State University
                “Applied Qualitative Research and Campus Ministry: The Case of Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) and Programs in the Theological Exploration of Vocation (2003-2008)”
11:25-11:45 am  Discussion
11:45-12:15 pm  Tal Howard, Gordon College; Mickey Mattox, Marquette University
                Listeners’ Reports
**Session 2**  
**Pastoral Issues: Anthropology, Psychology, and Ethics (Lounge 1)**

OTSA Annual Meeting begins (co-sponsored with the St. Catherine’s Orthodox Institute)

10:45-11:20 am  
Vasiliki Eckley, Holy Meeting of Joachim and Anna Apostolia  
“The Intimacy of Conjugal Life as Locus for the Development of Men and Women Today to the Likeness of God”

11:20 am-noon  
Nathaniel Brown, Saint Louis University  
“Free Agency and Pluralism within Eastern Orthodoxy: Towards a View of Conscientious Objection”

Noon-1:45 pm  
Lunch and Business Meeting (Dining Rom)

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**Early Afternoon Concurrent Sessions: 2:00 – 3:15 pm**

**Session 1**  
**Orthodox Unity/Disunity/Reunification (West Room)**

2:00-2:20 pm  
Silouan Rolando, Joliet Junior College  
“Issues in the Reunification of the Ukrainian Orthodox Diaspora”

2:20-2:40 pm  
Matthew Namee, Wichita State University  

2:40-3:00 pm  
Oliver Herbel, Saint Louis University  
“Lessons to be Learned”: Fr. Boris Burden’s Failed Attempts to Foster Orthodox Jurisdictional Unity in America”

3:00-3:15 pm  
Discussion

**Session 2**  
**Anthropological Dimensions of Priesthood (Lounge 1)**

2:00-2:35 pm  
Maria McDowell, Boston College  
“Gender and Priesthood in Gregory of Nazianzus”

2:35-3:15 pm  
Radu Bordeianu, Duquesne University  
“The Priestly Dimension of the Human Person: Dumitru Staniloae’s Theology of the Natural, Universal, and Ordained Priesthood”

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**Late Afternoon Concurrent Sessions: 3:30 – 5:00 pm**

**Session 1**  
**Western Iconography; Postlapsarian Anthropology (West Room)**

3:30-4:15 pm  
John Yiannias, University of Virginia (emeritus)  
“A Nineteenth-Century Apologia for ‘Improving’ Byzantine Art”

4:15-5:00 pm  
Perry Hamalis, North Central College  
“The Predicament of the Person: Fr. Sophrony Sakharov’s Distinctive Diagnosis of the Postlapsarian Human Condition”
### Session 2

**Wealth and Poverty (Lounge 1)**

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<td>William Mills, Queens University</td>
<td>“Caring for the Poor: From Prayer to Social Action”</td>
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<td>4:15-5:00 pm</td>
<td>John Jones, Marquette University</td>
<td>“St. John Chrysostom and the Problem of Wealth”</td>
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5:30-6:00 pm Vespers (Chapel)
6:00 pm Dinner (Dining Room)

Free Evening

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### Saturday, June 14

8:00 am Matins (Chapel)
8:30 am Breakfast (Dining Room)

### Early Morning Concurrent Sessions: 9:00 – 10:15 am

#### Session 1

**Ethnicity and Ecumenism (West Room)**

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<td>“The Concept of ‘Sister Churches’ in Orthodox-Catholic Relations in the 12th and 21st Centuries”</td>
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<td>9:35-10:15 pm</td>
<td>Nick Groves, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology</td>
<td>“Faith and People: The Vocation and Identity of Serbia in the Writings of Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic”</td>
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**Spirituality and Philosophical Mysticism (Lounge 1)**

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<td>“Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas on Dionysius the Areopagite”</td>
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<td>9:35-10:15 am</td>
<td>Emma Cazabonne, Independent Scholar</td>
<td>“John Climacus’ Original Use of Scripture in The Ladder of Divine Ascent”</td>
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### Late Morning Session: 10:30 – 11:45 am

#### Session 1

**Patristic Insights (West Room)**

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<td>Brock Bingaman, Loyola University of Chicago</td>
<td>“Orthodox Spirituality and Contemporary Ecology: John Cassian, Maximus the Confessor, and Jürgen Moltmann in Conversation”</td>
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11:05-11:45 am  Bruce Beck, Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology  
“‘Out of the Mouths of Babes’: Wise Children and Foolish Elders in the Gospel and Patristic Tradition”

Noon  Lunch (Dining Room) and Departures