St. Photios the Great

FAITH AND LEARNING SYMPOSIUM

DATE
February 3 – 4, 2006

WHERE
Maliotis Center
on the campus of Hellenic College and
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

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WHAT
Orthodox scholars discuss
the relationship between
faith and learning
St. Photios the Great

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Schedule

Friday, February 3
12:00 PM Hellenic College Luncheon with William Cavanaugh, Ph.D. (for Hellenic College Faculty)
2:00 PM Hellenic College Student Retreat (For Hellenic College Community)
7:00 PM Keynote Address
Rev. John Behr, Ph.D.
Plundering the Egyptians: the Use of Classical Paideia in the Early Church (Open to the Public)

Saturday, February 4
(All Saturday Events Open to the Public)
10:00 AM Vera Shevzov, Ph.D.
Too ‘Other’ and Not ‘Other’ Enough: Teaching & Researching Orthodoxy at a Liberal Arts College
11:00 AM Rev. Dn. A. Gregory Roeber, Ph.D.
Avoiding the Bunker Mentality: Being an American Orthodox in the Academy
1:00 PM Rev. Eugen Pentiuc, Ph.D., Th.D.
Biblical Scholarship and Faith
2:30 PM Panel Discussion, Dr. Shevzov, Rev. Dr. Dn. Roeber, Rev. Dr. Pentiuc, and Dr. Cavanaugh.

St. Photios the Great
Patriarch of Constantinople

Saint Photios the Great, whose feast day is February 6, was Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople during the middle of the ninth century. Together with other great Fathers of the Church, Saint Photios demonstrates through his writing and his teaching that scholarship can be a valuable instrument in proclaiming and expressing the Faith of the Church. The Orthodox Church honors Saint Photios as a theologian, a supporter of missionary activity, and a defender of the Faith.

Speakers

Rev. John Behr, Ph.D., Professor of Patristics at Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, earned his B.A. in Philosophy from the Thames Polytechnic in London and his Ph.D. from Oxford studying under Bishop Kallistos Ware and Rowan Williams, the current Archbishop of Canterbury. He is the editor of Saint Vladimir’s Quarterly and the Popular Patristics Series (SVS Press). He has recently published two volumes of a series on the formation of Christian theology, The Way to Nicaea and The Nicene Faith.

William Cavanaugh, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology at University of St. Thomas, holds degrees from the University of Notre Dame, and Cambridge University in England. He earned his Ph.D. in Religion from Duke University. Dr. Cavanaugh’s area of expertise is in Systematic Theology and Social Ethics. He is the author of numerous articles including, “Sailing Under True Colors; Academic Freedom and the Ecclesiastically Based University,” in Conflicting Allegiances: The Church-Based University in a Liberal Democratic Society. He is the author of several books and articles. His most recent book, Theopolitical Imagination: Discovering the Liturgy as a Political Act in an Age of Global Consumerism, was published by T. & T. Clark.

Rev. Eugen J. Pentiuc, Ph.D., Th.D., Assistant Professor and Chair of the Religious Studies Program at Hellenic College, holds a Th.D. in Old Testament from Bucharest University, and a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University. His area of expertise is text criticism and exegesis of the Old Testament, and Semitic languages and civilizations. He is the author of four books and several articles. He recently published his fifth book, Jesus the Messiah in the Hebrew Bible, for Paulist Press.

Rev. Dn. A. Gregory Roeber, Ph.D., Professor of Early Modern History and Religious Studies at the Pennsylvania State University, holds a Ph.D. from Brown University. He recently served as the Chair of the History and Religious Studies department at Penn State, and is also the co-director of the Max Kade German-American Research Institute. He is currently co-authoring a book titled, A Trinitarian Anthropology of Marriage: The Orthodox Canonical Tradition of Marriage in the Twenty-first Century and is working on another book entitled Renewing the Ordered Body: German Pietists and Marriage, 1675–1814.

Vera Shevzov, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Religion at Smith College, received her B.A. and Ph.D. from Yale University and her M.Div. from Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. Her most recent work, Russian Orthodoxy on the Eve of Revolution, published by Oxford University Press, has won the Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize of the American Society of Church History.

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