Announcing the Pappas Patristic Institute’s Fifth Annual Summer Patristic Studies Program

July 18 – 23, 2011

At Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, Massachusetts

St. John Chrysostom writing with St. Paul looking over his shoulder
Milan, Ambrosian A 172, Sap., fol. 263’ (property of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana); from Margaret Mitchell, The Heavenly Trumpet, plate 4, p. 505

We are pleased to announce our fifth annual week-long Summer Patristic Studies Program on the campus of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA on July 18-23, 2011. This is a unique opportunity to study and discuss classic texts of the early Church through small group-study and brief lectures. The intended audience for the program includes theology and religious studies students at the masters and undergraduate levels, along with clergy, lay people, and undergraduates with an interest in learning more about the Church Fathers. Students enrolled in an undergraduate or masters program who wish to receive credit for the courses should indicate this on the registration form. Doctoral-level students are also welcome.
The current list of courses for this summer includes:

- **The Philokalia: Exploring a Classic Text in Orthodox Spirituality**, Dr. Bradley Nassif, North Park University
- **Biblical Hermeneutics and Preaching from a Patristic Perspective**, Dr. Bruce Beck, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- **Readings in the Filioque Controversy**, Dr. Brian Matz, Carroll College
- **Spiritual Athletes of the Syriac Christian Tradition.** Maria Doerfler, Duke University
- **Approaches to Prayer in the Early Church** Dr. George Tsakiridis, Assistant Professor in Philosophy and Religion at South Dakota State University
- **Wealth and Poverty in the Early Church**, Dr. Susan Holman, Writer and Researcher in Poverty Studies
- **The Human Person as Image and Likeness of God**, Sr. Nonna Verna Harrison, Scholar in Residence 2010-2011, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

The program goes from Monday evening, July 18, through Saturday afternoon, July 23. Each course will be offered daily in a 2 ½ hour session. Each participant will have the opportunity to take two courses during the week (see below for more details on the schedule and methodology). For attendees needing lodging, housing will be provided on campus. For more information, or to register, please send an email to the Director of the Pappas Institute, Dr. Bruce Beck (pappaspatristic@comcast.net) at your earliest convenience. We will then send you a registration form to fill out. Please register at your earliest convenience to facilitate planning. Deadline for registration is July 1, 2011.

**Program Fees:**
- Registration for Credit (including lunches): $600
- Registration without Credit (including lunches): $400
- Room and Board (for 6 nights, breakfasts, & dinners) $250
Program Details:

- **Goal**: to provide the opportunity for in-depth, group study of significant theological topics of contemporary relevance based on selected writings of the ancient Church.

- **Primary Audience**: Masters-level students of theology, divinity, or similar programs who wish to further their knowledge of the writings and practices of the early Church. All others interested in coming are also welcome to apply.

- **Pedagogical Method**: each course will study in small groups led by Faculty primary patristic texts on topics. Following the group study of selected texts, the instructor will offer a 20 minute lecture followed by further discussion.

- **Structure of Program**
  Check in Monday afternoon, July 18, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. Orientation will be Monday evening after dinner.

  Sessions will be held Tuesday through Saturday, half the sessions in the morning and the other half in the afternoon.

  Sessions will consist of group, text-study sessions led by faculty along with doctoral level teaching assistants.

  Each session will be 2 ½ hours, consisting of
  - 15 minutes introduction of the texts by instructor
  - 90 minutes group study led by instructor and teaching fellow
  - Break (30 Minutes)
  - 45 minutes lecture and further discussion

  Each participant will choose two courses of study for the week. Each course will meet 5 times (once each day).

*Founded by a generous grant from the late Stephen Pappas and his wife Catherine, the goal of the Pappas Patristic Institute is the advancement and promotion of eastern patristic studies in the service of the academy and of the Church.*