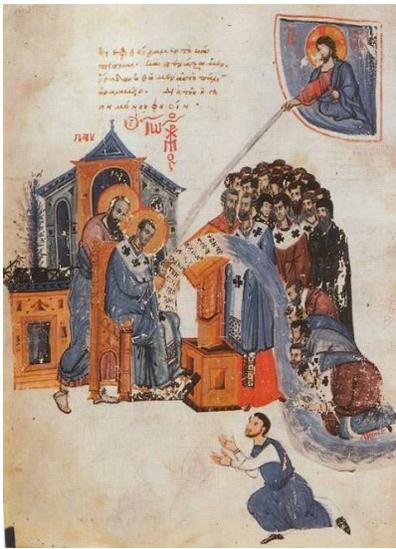


Conference Announcement and Call For Papers:
Patristic Homilies and their Reception History

October 9-11, 2014

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, Massachusetts



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

The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is pleased to announce its upcoming conference on “**Patristic Homilies and their Reception History**,” which will be held in Brookline, Massachusetts on our campus of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology beginning Thursday evening, **October 9**, and ending on Saturday, **October 11, 2014**.

The conference will focus on patristic sermons, including what can be learned about their rhetorical settings and audience reception. A great deal of work has been done in the past several decades on recovering the hermeneutical mind of the ancient church. Fortunately, both the methods of exegesis as well as the hermeneutical presuppositions that undergird these methods have become more frequently represented wherever the topic of biblical interpretation has been discussed. However, the related topic of the act of preaching in antiquity has not yet received the same kind of attention. Building on some of the few, notable monographs that have appeared recently on this topic, this conference will explore both the forms and genres of the patristic sermons, including their relationship to biblical hermeneutics where relevant, and the rhetorical contexts in which these sermons were given (e.g. liturgical, catechetical, festal, etc.). The rhetorical context would include the reception of these sermons by those hearing them. Lastly, the conference wishes to include within its scope the question: what might be gleaned from these ancient models for preaching in the Church today?

*We are now requesting paper proposals for the short communication sections of the conference. If you would like to present a paper related to the topic of the conference (approximately 20 -25 minutes in length), please submit a one-to-two paragraph abstract at your earliest convenience, and no later than **July 1, 2014**. Abstracts should: 1) present a clear thesis; 2) indicate its primary sources; 3) show awareness of relevant methodological, historiographical, or philosophical issues; and 4) treat subject matter that falls within the parameters of Late Ancient and Patristic studies. Please send your abstract, registration, or any inquiries, to Dr. Bruce Beck, Director, Pappas Patristic Institute at pappaspatristic@comcast.net.*

Please register at your convenience by email to Dr. Bruce Beck at pappaspatristic@comcast.net, with your name, institutional affiliation, address, and phone number. The registration fee is \$85, which includes all meals and breaks during the conference. This fee is payable by cash or check upon check-in at the conference. The registration fee for graduate students is \$50.00. The registration fee is waived for those presenting a paper. A block of rooms has been reserved at the conference hotel, the Sheraton of Needham. Shuttle service will be provided between the conference hotel and the campus.

Founded in 2003 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 primarily eastern patristic studies and education in the service of the academy and the Church.