Announcement and Call for Papers:
The Tenth Annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students Conference in Patristic Studies

March 6-8, 2014

At Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology,
Brookline, Massachusetts

The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is pleased to announce its tenth annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies on March 6-8, 2014. The purpose of the conference is to bring graduate students together from the fields of Patristic Studies, Historical Theology, and the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity in a collaborative and theological setting to hear and discuss peer research. The conference will begin on Thursday, March 6, at 5:00 p.m., and ends with dinner on Saturday, March 10.

We now call for paper proposals. We encourage all doctoral and masters students with research interests in Patristic Studies, Historical Exegesis or Theology, or the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity, to submit a paper abstract of approximately 250 words. Topics relating to eastern Christianity, including Syriac-speaking Christianity, are particularly encouraged. Each presenter will have 20 minutes to present her or his paper, followed by a respondent’s prepared comments and group discussion. Please send an abstract of your paper to the Institute’s Director, Dr. Bruce Beck, at pappaspatristic@comcast.net at your earliest convenience, but no later than Monday, February 10, 2014. Participants will be informed about the status of paper proposals within seven days from receipt of abstract. The deadline for completed papers for distribution to the respondents is Thursday, February 28th.

For those who live outside the Boston area that might need financial assistance to attend the conference, partial financial aid is again available upon request to assist with your expenses. To request aid, please pre-register for the conference at your earliest convenience (but no later than February 10th) and please mention that you need financial assistance in order to participate.

To help with our planning, please pre-register at your earliest convenience. The registration fee is $25 to help offset the cost of meals during the conference, and will be collected at registration upon arrival. To pre-register, please send an email to Dr. Beck (pappaspatristic@comcast.net) with your personal information, including address, phone number, institution, degree program, area of study, and dissertation topic (if applicable).
Conference lodging will be at the Sheraton in Needham, MA. If you will need lodging, please register as early as possible to facilitate reserving a place for you to stay. We will make the reservation for you at the hotel in order to facilitate sharing of rooms. The discounted conference rate per night is $103 plus taxes, or $58 per person for those who wish to share a room. Let us know if you there is someone with whom you would like to share a room.

Lastly, please make every effort to attend the entire conference, since the conference’s success lies largely in the collegial feedback and support of each paper presenter and the discussion engendered by the paper respondent.

I hope you will be able to join us for this year’s graduate student conference in patristic studies at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

Sincerely,

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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 Greek and other eastern patristic studies in the service of the academy and of the Church.