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

July 17 – 22, 2016
At Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, Massachusetts

The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute is again pleased to offer its week-long Summer Patristic Studies Program on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross in Brookline, MA on July 17-22, 2016. This is a unique opportunity to study and discuss classic Patristic texts through small group-study brief faculty lectures. The intended audience for the program includes theology and religious studies students at the masters and undergraduate levels, clergy, interested lay people, and undergraduates with an interest in learning more about the Church Fathers. Doctoral-level students are also encouraged to participate, or to apply for teaching fellowships.

The current list of courses for this summer includes the following selection. Each student will choose two courses during the program:
1) *The Gospel of Matthew in the Patristic Tradition*
   Dr. Brian Matz, Fontbonne University

2) *Taming the Thoughts: Ascesis in the Monastic Writings*
   Dr. Despina Prassas, Providence College

3) *The Desert Fathers: Stories and Sayings for Contemporary Life*
   Sean Moberg, Catholic University of America

4) *Ancient Christian Spiritual Practices: A Guided Tour*
   Dr. Paul Kolbet

5) *Patristic Texts on the Church and Salvation*
   Dr. Anthony Coleman, St. Gregory University

6) *20th Century Neo Patristic Theologies: Florovsky and His Followers*
   Dr. Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas

7) *Reading Scripture with the Fathers: Studies in Patristic Theology of Interpretation*
   Dr. Bruce Beck, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

8) *The Problem of Evil in the Writings of the Fathers*
   Dr. David Goodin, McGill University

9) *The Theology and Hermeneutics of Irenaeus of Lyons*
   Dr. David Jorgensen, Colby College

10) *The Divine Liturgy Celebrated and Interpreted in the Patristic Period*
    Teva Regule, Boston College

11) *Patristics (Meta)Ethics*
    Dr. Daniel Robinson, California State University

12) *Repentance, Reconciliation, and Confession in the Fathers*
    Dr. George Tsakiridis, South Dakota State University

The program goes from Sunday evening, **July 17**, through Friday afternoon, **July 22**. Housing is provided on campus in the campus dormitory from Sunday evening through Friday night. If you would prefer to stay in a hotel, please let us know so that you can receive our program room rate. Each course will be offered daily during a three-hour session. Each participant will have the opportunity to take two courses (see below for more details on the schedule and methodology).

**To register** for the program, please fill out the [web registration form here](#). Please send any questions about the program to Dr. Bruce Beck at [pappaspatristic@comcast.net](mailto:pappaspatristic@comcast.net). Registration fees are not due until the beginning of the program, **July 17, 2016**.

**Program Fees:**
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 primary patristic texts organized topically. Each class period has three types of learning: 1) the instructor provides an overview of the texts being studied, including their historical contexts and relevance for the class; 2) the class divides into small groups of 6-8 persons led by Teaching Fellows who are doctoral students; 3) the instructor offers a 20-30 minute lecture followed by further discussion with the entire class.

- **Structure of Program**
  
  Check in Sunday afternoon, July 17, between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Orientation and opening presentation will be Sunday evening after dinner.

  Sessions will be held Monday through Friday per the above schedule.

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

  Each session will be 3 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.