

*Third Annual Conference
Evil and Suffering in the Patristic Period
October 12 - 14, 2006
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, Massachusetts*



The Ladder of Divine Ascent, 12th cent., St. Katherine's Monastery, Sinai

Thursday, October 12, 2006

4:00 PM - 7:30 PM Registration in Maliotis Center

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Chapel Service: Vespers

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner: Condakes Refectory

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Opening Reception: Introductory Remarks by Rev. Dean Thomas Fitzgerald and Professor François Bovon, Maliotis Center

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Plenary Session: 1

Sister Nonna Harrison, St. Paul School of Theology

Greek Patristic Perspectives on the Origins of Social Injustice

Friday, October 13, 2006

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Chapel Service: Matins

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast: Condakes Refectory

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Plenary Session: 2

Rev. Dr. John Behr, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary

Learning Through Experience: The Pedagogy of Suffering and Death in Irenaeus

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM Break

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Plenary Session: 3

Dr. David G. Hunter, Iowa State University

Evil, Suffering, and Embodiment in Saint Augustine

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch: Condakes Refectory

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Break: Bookstore open

1:30 PM - 2:05 PM Short Communication: 1

Dr. Dmitrij Bumazhnov, University Tübingen

The evil angels in the Letters and in the Vita of the St Antony the Great

Dr. Efthalia Makris Walsh, Independent Scholar

Evil and Suffering in St. John Chrysostom's Commentary on Psalm Seven

Rev. Dr. Charles Talar, University of St. Thomas School of Theology

The Author of Evil: The Devil in the Patristic Scholarship of Joseph Turmel

2:05 PM - 2:40 PM Short Communication: 2

Dr. Demetrios Katos, Hellenic College

Evagrius of Pontus on Providence and the Utility of Evil

Regina L. Walton, Boston University

A Death in the Family: The Deathbed Scenes of Macrina and Monica and the Problem of Christian Grief in Gregory of Nyssa's Life of Macrina and Augustine's Confessions

Dr. Dennis P. Quinn, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

The Demonology of Lactantius in Historical Perspective

2:40 PM - 3:10 PM Break

3:10 PM - 3:45 PM Short Communication: 3

Dr. Antonia Atanassova, Boston College

Willing and Unwilling of the Passion: Divine Suffering and Its Acceptance in the Writings of Cyril of Alexandria

Dr. Alexis Doval, Saint Mary's College

Reflections on Irenaean Theodicy

Sébastien Falardeau, Université de Montréal

Evil and suffering: Relation with Ex 3, 14 in the Enarrationes in Psalmos from Augustine

Friday, October 13, 2006 (continued)

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM Parallel Session: 1A

Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet, Boston College

Torture and Origen's Hermeneutics of Non-Violence

Rev. Dr. Eugen J. Pentiuc, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and Hellenic College

'Renewed by Blood': Sheol's Quest in 2 Baruch 56:6

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM Parallel Session: 1B

Dr. Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas

Theodicy: Patristic Answers and Postmodern Discontents

Dr. John W. Martens, University of St. Thomas

Theodicy in Apocalyptic Thought: From Ancient Visions to (Post) Modern Nightmares

Dr. Joseph M. Hallman, The University of St. Thomas

Theodicy Neither Ancient Nor (Post) Modern: Augustine and the Cry of Dereliction

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Chapel Service: Vespers

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner: Condakes Refectory

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Reception: Publishers Spotlight: Maliotis Center

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Plenary Session: 4

His Grace Bishop Kallistos Ware, Oxford University

Does God Suffer? Some Patristic Viewpoints

Saturday, October 14, 2006

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast: Maliotis Center

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Plenary Session: 5

Dr. Jim Skedros, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

The Suffering of Martyrdom

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM Break

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Plenary Session: 6

Dr. Gary Anderson, University of Notre Dame

Christus Victor in the Work of St. Ephrem

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch: Condakes Refectory

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Break

Saturday, October 14, 2006 (continued)

1:30 PM - 2:05 PM Short Communication: 4

Dean Edward Moore, St. Elias School of Orthodox Theology

"I will say anything rather than call providence evil": Basilides on Suffering and Fate

Dr. Paul Hartog, Faith Baptist Theological Seminary

Making Sense of Suffering: Polycarp's Martyrdom 'in Accordance with the Gospel'

Mark Scott, Harvard University

Cosmic Theodicy: Origen on the Problem of Evil

2:05 PM - 2:40 PM Short Communication: 5

Dr. Eric Phillips, Independent Scholar

Theodore of Mopsuestia on the Pedagogy of Destruction

Doug Finn, University of Notre Dame

Sympathetic Philosophy: The Christian Reaction to Suffering according to John Chrysostom's Commentary on Job

Susan Bond, Claremont School of Theology and Catholic University of America

Lament in the Ruins: The Syriac Apocalypse of Baruch

2:40 PM - 3:10 PM Break

3:10 PM - 3:45 PM Short Communication: 6

Dr. Sarah Klitenic Wear, Creighton University

The Ontological Place of Evil in the Pseudo-Dionysian Universe

Dragos Andrei Giulea, Marquette University

Pascha and Salvation from Evil: Two Theories on the Origins, Nature, and Salvation from Evil in the Early Paschal Writings

Paschalis Gkortsilas, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Evil and dualism: a Byzantine synthesis

Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago, Divinity School

Maximus the Confessor and Augustine on evil as a misplaced love: similarities and differences between two Neo-Platonists

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM Panel Discussion: Evil and Suffering: Patristics and (Post-) Modernity

Fr. Robert Daly, S.J., Boston College, Pappas Patristic Institute Board of Directors

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Chapel Service: Vespers

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner: Condakes Refectory