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

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 Turnel

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. Pentiu, 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
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  

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**