The Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Second Annual Conference

Wealth and Poverty in Early Christianity

Rich man and Lazarus, from an ancient Armenian lectionary

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
October 13-15
Brookline, Massachusetts

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. As it grows, the Institute will have the potential to become a leading center of eastern patristic studies and education. This potential stems both from what has recently been developing in the broad fields of patristic and Early Christian studies, and also from the unique ecclesiastical, ecumenical and academic location of this Institute at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, one of the nine member schools of the Boston Theological Institute.
PROGRAM

All conference sessions will be held in the Maliotis Cultural Center

Thursday, October 13

4:00 – 5:00 PM Registration in Maliotis Cultural Center Lobby

5:00 – 7:00 Vespers and Dinner at cafeteria

7:00 Dessert Reception at the Maliotis Cultural Center

7:30 PLENARY 1
All plenary Sessions will be in the Maliotis upper right wing

Steven Friesen, University of Texas at Austin
"Injustice or God's Will? Early Christian Explanations of Poverty"

Friday, October 14

8:00 AM Morning prayer in chapel

8:30 AM Breakfast in the cafeteria

9:00 – 10:15 AM PLENARY 2

Wendy Mayer, Catholic University, Australia
"Poverty and Caring for the Poor in the Time of John Chrysostom"

10:20 - 10:55 SHORT COMMUNICATIONS SESSION 1

Denise K. Buell, Williams College (classroom 1)
"Be not one who stretches out hands to receive but shuts them when it comes to giving:” Envisioning Christian Charity When Both Donors and Recipients are Poor"

Görge Hasselhoff, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität (classroom 2)
"James 2:2-7 in Early Christian Thought"

Taras Tymo, University of Notre Dame (classroom 3)
"The Virtue Of Philanthropy in the Hagiorographic Representation of Holy Women (Funeral Oration on Gorgonia and Vita Macrinae)"
Friday 10:55 – 11:20 AM Break

11:20 – 12:35 PLENARY 3

Rudolf Brändle, University of Basel, Switzerland
"John Chrysostom: 'The Sweetest Passage' (Matt. 25:31-46) as Motive for Assistance to the Poor"

12:35 – 2:00 Lunch in the cafeteria (Holy Cross bookstore open)

2:00 - 2:35 PM SHORT COMMUNICATIONS SESSIONS 2

Andy Alexis-Baker, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (classroom 1)
“Economic Sharing and Peace in Cyprian’s Catechetical Program in Third Century Carthage”

Efthalia Makris Walsh, Independent Scholar (classroom 2)
Wealthy and Impoverished Widow in the Writings of Saint John Chrysostom

George Lawless, Pontificia Università Lateranense (classroom 3)
"An Inventory on Voluntary Poverty in Augustine’s monasterium clericorum Sermons 355 and 356"

Kyle Smith, Duke University (classroom 4)
“The Upright and the Perfect: Poverty and ‘Absolute’ Poverty in the Syriac Book of Steps”

2:40 - 3:15 SHORT COMMUNICATIONS SESSIONS 3

Adam Serfass, Kenyon College (classroom 1)
“Wine for Widows: Papyrological Evidence for Christian Charity in Late Antique Egypt”

Annewies van den Hoek, Harvard Divinity School (classroom 2)
"Widening the Eye of the Needle. Reflections on Wealth and Poverty in the Works of Clement of Alexandria"

Ed Siecienski, Fordham University (classroom 3)
"Gilding the Lily: A Patristic Defense of Liturgical Splendor"

Panayiotis Papageorgiou, St. George Greek Orthodox Church (classroom 4)
"Wealth and Philanthropy in the Early Church"
Friday 3:15 - 3:45 Break

3:45 – 5:00 PM PLENARY 4

Demetrios Constantelos, Richard Stockton College
"The Background and Nature of Philanthropy of the Early Church: Social Conditions and Patristic Social Thought"

5:00 – 7:30 Vespers followed by dinner in the cafeteria

7:30 PM PLENARY 5

Susan R. Holman, Independent Scholar
"Rich and Poor in a Healing Sanctuary: Therapeutic Pairing in Sophronius of Jerusalem's Miracles of Ss. Cyrus and John"

Saturday, October 15

8:30 AM Breakfast in the cafeteria

9:00 – 10:15 AM PLENARY 6

Francine Cardman, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
"Preaching Pity and Terror: Poverty and Wealth as Theater"

10:15 – 10:45 Break

10:45-12:00 PANEL DISCUSSION
A dialogue with His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, and Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, President and Treasurer of Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Boston, on contemporary issues of poverty and wealth as they relate to religion and patristic studies.

12:00-1:30 Lunch in the cafeteria
Saturday 1:30-2:05 PM SHORT COMMUNICATIONS SESSION 4

Brian Matz, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (classroom 1)
“Greek Patristic Texts: A New Voice for Catholic Social Thought”

David Brakke, Indiana University (classroom 2)
“Care for the Poor and Fear of Poverty: Monastic Cultivation of Economic and Spiritual Vulnerability in Fourth-Century Egypt”

Edward Moore, St. Elias School of Orthodox Theology (classroom 3)
“Gnosticism and the Meaning of Wealth and Poverty in Early Christianity”

Timothy Patitsas, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (classroom 4)
“St Basil's philanthropic program and modern micro-lending strategies for economic self-actualization”

2:10 – 3:25 PM PLENARY 7

Daniel Caner, University of Connecticut
"Between Rich and Poor: Monasticism and Almsgiving in Early Byzantium"

3:25 – 3:45 Break

3:45 – 5:00 PM PLENARY 8

Angeliki Laiou, Harvard University and Academy of Athens
"Trade, Profit, and Salvation in the Late Patristic/Early Byzantine Era"

5:00 Vespers

5:30 Dinner in the cafeteria