The Orthodox Church in the United States has a growing presence in the world of academia. Through four-year colleges as well as institutes that are housed at universities, Orthodoxy is intersecting with the world of higher education. The Orthodox Scholars Initiative now has a new page that lists these Orthodox colleges, organizations, and institutes. Some of these focus on undergraduate education in general, others are housed at specific universities, and still others are dedicated to certain academic and professional fields. Please visit the new “Related Institutes and Projects” page at www.osi.hchc.edu to discover the creative work that is being done in Orthodox higher education.

If you would like to add other organizations to the “Related Institutes and Projects” page, please let us know!

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Dr. Elizabeth H. Prodromou is a scholar-practitioner who describes her faith as the Christian ethos which we believe gives meaning and cohesion to all our endeavors. Our students are encouraged to find their vocation, their calling rooted in the tradition of the Fathers. More info at www.hchc.edu/mjc/bac.html.

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Missions Institute Westlong Conference – November 5, 2012

The Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity will be holding its annual Missions Week at Hellenic College/Holy Cross. It will focus on missionary work in Latin America and will include the Endowment Fund for Orthodox Missions (EFOM) Lecture on November 8. More info at www.missionsinstitute.org.

Family, Marriage and Love in Eastern Orthodoxy – December 7, 2012

The Sophia Institute will host its Fifth Annual Conference on Union Theological Seminary in New York. This year’s conference “will focus on the various ways the Eastern Orthodox Church has shaped, and in recent times, has understood mutual love, the sacrament of marriage, and the role of the family.” Proposals for academic papers are being accepted through October 30, with a prospect of publication in the Acts of the Conference. For more info, please contact Professor John McCauley at johnmccaul@gordon.edu.

Upcoming Conferences and Programs

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What is the Bible? The Patristic Doctrine of Scripture – February 15-18, 2013

The Fr. Georges Florovsky Theological Society, a graduate student organization of Princeton University, will be hosting its third Annual Patristic Symposium, focusing on the patristic doctrine of Scripture. The purpose of this year’s symposium is to re-open a consideration of the doctrine of Scripture for contemporary theology rooted in the tradition of the Fathers. More info at www.princeton.edu/~florev.

Recent Publications by OSI Scholars


Hale, Clinton. “UMBC Eco Tales Semiotics to the Masses.” ETC: A Review of General Semantics 68.3 (July 2011).


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