Announcing the Pappas Patristic Institute’s
Twelfth Annual Summer Patristic Studies Program
June 25 – June 29, 2018
At Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, Massachusetts

St. John Chrysostom writing with St. Paul looking over his shoulder Milan, Ambrosian A 172, Sup., fol. 263v (property of the Biblioteca Ambrosiana); from Margaret Mitchell, The Heavenly Trumpet, plate 4, p. 505

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 June 25 – 29, 2018. This is a unique opportunity to study and discuss the writings and lives of the Church Fathers through small group-study brief faculty lectures. The intended audience for the program is broad ranging, including theology and religious studies students at all levels, clergy, lay people, and undergraduates—anyone interested in learning more about the Church Fathers. Doctoral-level students are also encouraged to participate, or to apply for teaching fellowships.

The courses offered this year include:

1) The Scripture in Early Christian Prayers, Dr. Bruce Beck

2) Virtues and Vices in the Eastern and Western Fathers, Kevin Clarke (PhD candidate, Ave Maria University)

3) Economia and Ecology: The Church Fathers on the Creation, Dr. David Goodin

4) The Lord’s Prayer in Patristic Tradition, Dr. Zachary Kostopoulos

5) Grace and Free Will, Dr. Brian Matz

6) The Philokalia, Dr. Sean Moberg
Courses begin Monday morning, June 25 and continue through Friday afternoon, June 29. Orientation and registration are on Sunday evening, June 24. 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 me know so that we can facilitate your accommodation at a nearby hotel. 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 bbeck@hchc.edu. Registration fees are not due until registration on Sunday evening, June 24, 2018. Financial aid may be available upon request.

Program Fees:

- Registration (includes lunch and breaks): $450
- Dormitory Room and Board (6 nights, Sun-Fri with meals) $300

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 6-10 persons led by Teaching Fellows who are doctoral students; 3) the instructor offers a 30 minute lecture followed by further discussion with the entire class.
• **Structure of Program**

  Check in Sunday afternoon 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.*