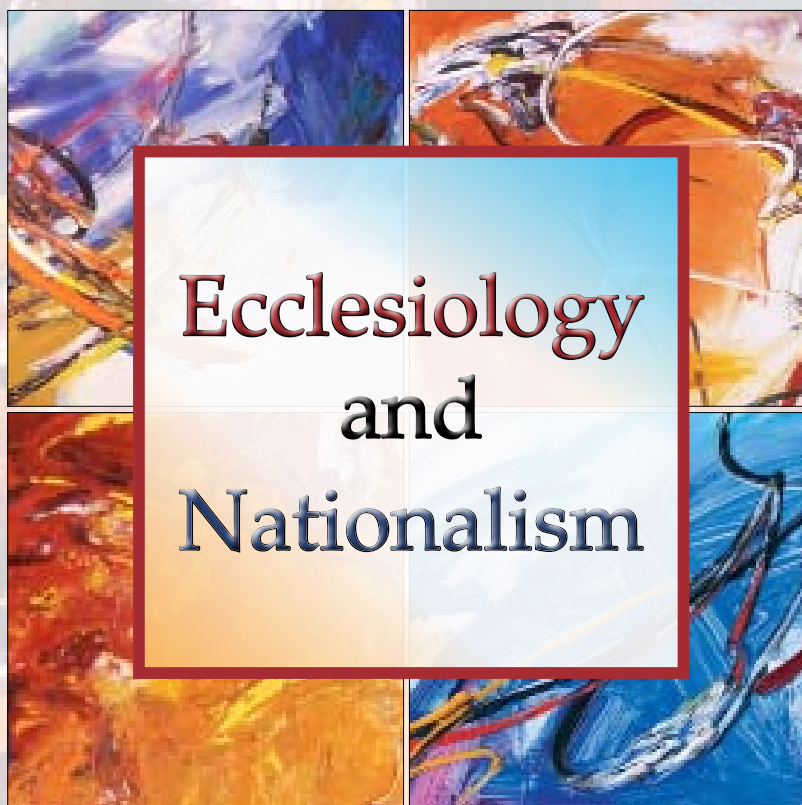


ACADEMIC YEAR 2011 - 2012



PROGRAM AND PARALLEL EVENTS



VOLOS ACADEMY FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Ecclesiology and Nationalism

Religious nationalism seems to be the most serious problem that the Orthodox Church—and Orthodox ecclesiology especially—have faced since the fall of Byzantium (1453), a decisive historical event which began a period of introversion. Specific but very significant aspects of this problem are the identification between Church and nation, Church and ethno-cultural identity, Church and national ideology, Church and state, and, consequently, the concept—but also the reality—of national Churches, i.e. the inability to conceive of the Orthodox Church and its mission and witness in the world independently from the national vision and particular national idea or story. As a result of this replacement of the ecclesial criterion with the national, the Orthodox Church has been facing for many decades now a profound division between the different national Churches as well as the acceptance of the problematic ecclesiological idea that sees the Orthodox Church as a “confederation of national Churches.”

This identification and this “national” role constitute a novelty for the Orthodox Church, which had been, for many centuries, the Church of the multinational Byzantine Empire. Generally speaking, till the era of the Turkish occupation (15th-19th centuries) during which we can observe the first signs of this national role, the Orthodox Church, despite, or maybe because of its bonds with the imperial

power, ignored any kind of “national logic” both in its ecclesiological structure and in its theological self-consciousness. By assuming this innovation, and by being involved in the formation of particular ethno-cultural identities, the Orthodox Church not only seems to face serious difficulties in confirming its sense of catholicity, ecumenicity and Church unity, but also appears to have abandoned the basis and the criterion of its ecclesiology, which was always determined by the principle of a local and not a national Church.

After a long and complex historical process, mainly after the creation of the modern “Orthodox” states and the more recent political developments in Central and Eastern Europe, the Orthodox Church now seems to have forgotten its supranational mission and its fundamental ecclesiological principles. More importantly, at the time and in the context of a multinational pluralistic postmodern society, Orthodoxy exhausts its theological and spiritual resources of the patristic and Eucharistic tradition in the rhetoric of “identities” and in a dated religious tribalism that stands in contrast to the Gospel’s call for supraracial and even supranational societies. Many Eastern countries’ insistence on seeing Orthodoxy as a part of their national identity and culture, related to their customs and traditional folklore, undermines every serious attempt to face the challenges that the contemporary world poses to Orthodoxy, and condemns the latter to continue being trapped in traditionalism, fundamentalism, social anachronism (or even reactionism), pre-modernity and the authoritarian structures of patriarchal society.

The question now is whether it is time for Orthodoxy to close the “parenthesis” opened in 1453 with the fall of Byzantium, and return to its main and crucial mission, which is the evangelization and transfiguration of the world, the preaching of the coming Kingdom of God for the salvation and restoration of the whole creation. A renewed and fresh theological reflection must remember that the Church is en route to the Eschaton and not a return to the glorious and painful story of Byzantium, the Turkish Occupation or a “Christian Empire.” If the Church wants to speak to the modern world and people in order to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and not to the bygone world of yesterday- it is urgent for it to go beyond the ethnocentric discourse, to abandon any dream of a return to Byzantine theocracy, or any other anti-modern romantic version of “Christian society.” Theocracy and neo-nationalism, which are presumably nothing other than secularized forms of eschatology, constitute the permanent historical temptation of Orthodoxy and they can not, for any reason, continue to be the Orthodox Church’s political idea. To the modern person’s thirst for life, the Orthodox Church can and ought to respond with its own proposal, with its “words of eternal life” (cf. Jn 6:68), and not with the continuous invocation of the past and its own achievements in the struggles and fights of the nation. For that reason, the adoption of an ecumenical ecclesiastical discourse, free from the continuous references to the nation and to the forms of the Constantinian era, is

not just a demand for genuineness, authenticity and faithfulness to the Orthodox Tradition; it is also for the Church an absolutely indispensable and urgent prerequisite, an inviolate condition, in order to enter the century in which we live and to avoid finding easy and safe shelter in the past. Without this element, there is neither a true nor lasting revelation of God in creation and history, nor does the Church pray, dialogue and struggle “for the life of the world.” Without it, a message of reconciliation, repentance, and re-evangelism cannot be formulated.

All these substantial questions and topics could be addressed and honestly discussed in the framework of an Inter-Orthodox Consultation on “Ecclesiology and Nationalism in a Postmodern Era,” which will be held in May 24-27, 2012 in Volos (Greece). This consultation will be organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, in cooperation with: the Chair of Orthodox Theology, University of Münster (Germany); the Orthodox Christian Studies Program, Fordham University (New York, USA); the Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox, Inter-Confessional and Inter-Religious Studies (INTER, Cluj-Napoca, Romania); the Christian Cultural Center of Belgrade (Serbia); the St. Andrew’s Biblical Theological Institute (Moscow, Russia); the Valamo Lay Academy (Finland); and the European Forum of Orthodox Schools of Theology (EFOT, Brussels).

1

“The Issue of Language in Worship”

(one-day conference)

Participants:

His Eminence Metropolitan Pavlos of Sisanion and Siatista
Constantinos Holevas, Political Scientist
Dr Fotis Schoinas, Former School Advisor of Philologists
Stavros Zoumboulakis, Director of the journal “Nea Hestia,”
Chairman of the Foundation “Artos Zois”

Moderators:

Rev Dr Christos Chachamidis, General Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Youth Association of the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias
Dr Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

Conclusion of the one-day conference by His Eminence Metropolitan Ignatius of Demetrias

The one-day conference has been organized in collaboration with the Youth Association of the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias.

Saturday, January 21, 2012, at the “Thessalia” Conference Center
(Melissatika, Volos)

2α

“Why is the Orthodox Doctrine of Theosis So Intriguing to Western Christians?”

(Lecture)

Speaker: Dr Norman Russell,
Teaching at the Heythrop College of the University of London
Volos, Thursday, March 1, 2012, 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Center of the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias (K. Kartali-A.Gazi)

2b

The same event
will be repeated in Athens

Monday, March 5, 2012, 7:30 p.m.
Archdiocese of Athens' Hall for Training Events

Dr Russell's lectures in Athens and Volos will be given in Greek and admission is free to the public.

3

«Education through Art»
(One-day conference)

Participants:

Dr Alexis Kokkos, Professor at Hellenic Open University, Chairman of the Hellenic Scientific Association for Adult Education
Apostolos Barlos, MTh, Director of the School for Adults in Larissa
Vaso Gogou, BA in Theology and Greek Literature, Teacher of Cultural and Aesthetic Education at the School for Adults in Larissa
Dimitris Deligiannis, Director of the Alternative School of the Therapeutic Community "Exodus," Larissa

The event will be moderated by Dr Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, and will be opened by His Eminence Metropolitan Ignatius of Demetrias and the Director of the Volos School for Adults Ms Helen Kontozisi

Monday, March 19, 2012, 6:30 pm
Events Hall of the Volos School for Adults (Anapafseos and Chironos, "Mourtzoukou" Complex)

4

The Place of Religion in the Public Sphere

(Roundtable seminar)

Participants:

Dr Effie Fokas, Director of the Forum on Religion at the London School of Economics

Dr Konstantinos Kotsiopoulos, Assistant Professor, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Dr Dimitrios Nikolakakis, Lecturer, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Dr Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

Moderator: Professor Theodoros Giangou, Vice-President, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 6:00 pm
(in the auditorium of the Theological School of Aristotle University)

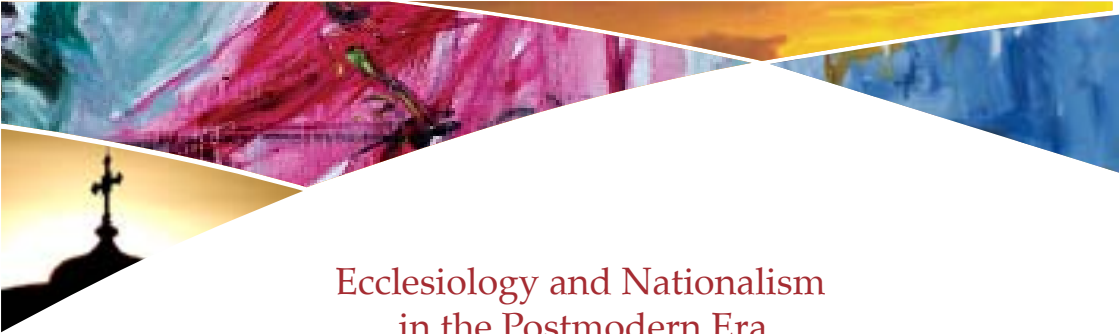
The roundtable seminar has been organized in collaboration with the Graduate Seminar of the School of Pastoral and Social Theology of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Canon Law, Liturgics, Pastoral Theology, Christian Archaeology)

5

«Economic Crisis, Poverty and Social Justice:
The Word of Theology and the Church»

(One-day conference)

For further information on the participants, the date and the place of the event, please see www.acadimia.gr



Ecclesiology and Nationalism in the Postmodern Era

“Thessalia” Conference Center, Melissatika, Volos
May 24-27, 2012

International Conference, with simultaneous translation in Greek / English

Speakers:

Metropolitan Kallistos Ware of Diokleia, Ecumenical Patriarchate,
“Neither Jew nor Greek”: Ethnicity and Catholicity

Dr Lucian Leustean, Aston University, U.K.,
The Byzantine Concept of Symphonia, the Church-State Relationship and
the Nation-Building Process

Dr Paschalis M. Kitromilides, Professor at Athens University, Director
of the Hellenic National Research Foundation,
Enlightenment, Nationalism and National State,
and Their Impact on the Orthodox World

Dr Vasilios N. Makrides, Professor at Erfurt University, Germany,
Why are Orthodox Churches Prone to Nationalization?
Examples and Hypotheses from the Greek-Speaking World

Dr Bosco Bojovic,
Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris,
Orthodoxy and Nationalism in Southeastern Europe

Dr Dimitris Stamatopoulos,
Assistant Professor, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki,
Orthodox Ecumenism: Pre-modern Survival, Modern Instrumentality, or
Post-modern Invention? Some Reflections on the 1872 Condemnation of
“Ethnophyletism”

Conferences

Dr Daniella Kalkandjieva,
Researcher at the Scientific Department of Sofia University,
Orthodoxy and Nationalism in Russian Orthodoxy

Dr Tarek Mitri, Senior Fellow on Public Policy, American University of
Beirut, Former Minister of the Government of Lebanon
Communitarianism and Nationalism:
The Case of the Church of Antioch and its Diaspora

Dr Christos Karakolis, Assistant Professor at Athens University,
Church and Nation in the New Testament:
the Formation of the Primitive Christian Communities

Rev Dr Nikolaos Loudovikos,
Associate Professor at the Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Thessaloniki
and Lecturer at the Orthodox Institute in Cambridge,
Church, Race, and Ethnic Reasoning According to Some Patristic Examples

Dr Paul Meyendorff,
Professor at St Vladimir's Theological Seminary, New York,
Ethnophyletism, Autocephaly, and National Churches -
A Theological Approach and Ecclesiological Implications

Dragica Tadić-Papanikolaou,
MTh, Associate of Christian Cultural Center, Belgrade-Athens,
The Construction of a National Idea and Identity through Church
Narratives

Rev Dr Cyril Hovorun, Chair of the Theological Department at Cyril &
Methodius Post-Graduate School of the Russian Orthodox Church,
Local and National Churches in Ecclesiological and
Eschatological Perspective

Rev Dr Gregorios Papathomas, Professor at Athens University and at St
Sergius Institute of Theology, Paris, President of the European Forum of
Orthodox Schools of Theology,
Nationalism and the So-called “Diaspora”:
National or Territorial Principle?

Metropolitan John Zizioulas of Pergamon,
Ecumenical Patriarchate, *Primacy and Nationalism*

Dr Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies,
*Ecclesiology and Globalization: In Search of Ecclesiological Models
Relevant to the Time of Globalization
(After the Previous Contextual Models: Local, Imperial, National)*

Dr Davor Džalto, Professor at Niss University,
Vice-President of Christian Cultural Center, Belgrade,
Nationalism, Statism, and Orthodoxy

Dr Alexander Verkhovsky, SOVA Center, Moscow,
*“Political Orthodoxy”: Religion’s Involvement in the Identity Formation
Process*

Dr Athanasios N. Papathanassiou, Editor-in-Chief of Synaxis,
Signs of National Socialism in the Orthodox Church Today?

Dr Radu Preda, Professor at Babes-Bolyai University,
Director of the Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox,
Inter-Confessional, Inter-Religious Studies-INTER, Cluj-Napoca,
Religious Nationalism, Fundamentalism, and Social Anachronism

The conference has been organized in collaboration with the Chair of Orthodox
Theology, Münster University (Germany), the Program of Orthodox Christian
Studies of Fordham University (New York), the Romanian Institute for Inter-
Orthodox, Inter-Confessional, Inter-Religious Studies (INTER, Cluj-Napoca), the
Christian Cultural Center in Belgrade (Serbia), the St Andrews Biblical Theological
Institute (Moscow), the Valamo Lay Academy (Finland) and the European Forum
of Orthodox Schools of Theology (EFOST, Brussels)

Beginning on Thursday, May 24, 2012, 6:30 pm
Concluding on Sunday, May 27, 2012, 2:00 pm
“Thessalia” Conference Center, Melissatika, Volos

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the Volos Academy:
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FROM SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2011

1

“Being Human, Becoming Divine: Elisabeth Behr-Si-
gel’s Contributions to the Church”

International Conference, St Thomas Ecumenical Center,
Strasburg, France
August 31 to September 3, 2011

Speakers:

Dr Elisabeth Parmentier,
Behr-Sigel’s Ecumenical Formation in Strasbourg
Olga Lossky,
The War Years in Nancy: Behr-Sigel’s Theology in Action
Dr Antoine Arjakovsky,
Personalism as a Source of Behr-Sigel’s Theological Anthropology
Rev Dr Michel Evdokimov,
The Russian Roots of Behr-Sigel’s Theological Thinking
Dr Valerie Karras,
Patristic Gender Anthropology in Behr-Sigel
Dr Maria McDowell,
‘The Hands of a Woman’: Person, Image, and Ordination
Teva Regule,
According to the Whole: Behr-Sigel’s Ecclesiological Vision
Dr Sarah Hinlicky Wilson,
Behr-Sigel’s ‘New’ Hagiography and Its Ecumenical Significance
Amal Dibo,
The Living Faith: Behr-Sigel Reading the Signs of Our Time

Moderators:

Dr Fulata Moyo, Dr Tamara Grdzelidge,
Dr Eleni Kasselouri-Hatzivassiliadi, Dr Sarah Hinlicky Wilson

The conference has been organized by the Ecumenical Institute in Strasburg,
the “Faith and Order” Secretariat of the WCC, the “Women in Church
and Society” Program of the WCC, and the Volos Academy for
Theological Studies

2

The Centennial Commemoration of the Death of the Great Greek Writer Alexandros Papadiamantis

Volos, "Achilleion"
(pedestrian area, Koumoundourou 1 and Iasonos)
October 24, 2012, 7:00 pm

Speakers:

Dr Angelos Mantas, Writer, Director School Philologists:
"Alexandros Papadiamantis: His Life and Work"

N. D. Triantafyllopoulos, Philologist, Editor of the critical edition of
the works of Papadiamantis:
"On Papadiamantis' Legacy of Translation"

Moderator: Stavros Zoumboulakis,
Director of the literary journal "Nea Hestia"

3

Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas: Person, Eucharist, and the Kingdom of God in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective

International Conference on the Occasion of the Reception of
His Eminence, Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas
as Fellow of the Volos Academy

"Thessalia" Conference Center, Volos,
October 28-30, 2011

Nikolaos Asproulis, MTh, Academic Team of the Volos Academy
and of the Journal "Theologia,"
The Neo-patristic Methodology of Metropolitan of Pergamon
J. Zizioulas: From Fr Georges Florovsky to the Theological Generation
of the '60s

Dr Konstantinos Agoras, Professor at the Hellenic Open University,
The Theological Epistemology of Metropolitan John of Pergamon

Dr Konstantinos Deliconstantis,
Professor of Theology, University of Athens,
Ascesis and Freedom: The Ascetical Ethos in the Theology of
Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas

Dr Aikaterini Tsalamponi, Lecturer in Theology, Aristotle
University of Thessaloniki, Member of the Board of the Volos Academy,
The Ecological Dimension of the Theology of Metropolitan
John Zizioulas

Dr Elias Papagiannopoulos,
Assistant Professor, University of Piraeus,
Ontology, Metaphysics, and Eschatology in John Zizioulas

Dr Haralampos Ventis, Academic Team of the Volos Academy for
Theological Studies,
The Cappadocian Fathers and the Holy Trinity in the Thought of
Metropolitan of Pergamon J. Zizioulas. The Trinitarian Presuppositions
of the Theology of the Person

Dr Michel Stavrou, Professor at St. Sergius Institute, Paris,
The Theology of the Person in John Zizioulas and Vladimir Lossky

Dr Stavros Yangazoglou,
Advisor at the Pedagogical Institute, Lecturer at the Hellenic Open
University, Director of the journal "Theologia,"
The Pneumatological Christology of Metropolitan of Pergamon John
Zizioulas

Rev Dr Demetrios Bathrellos, Lecturer at the Hellenic Open
University, Visiting Lecturer at the Orthodox Institute in Cambridge,
Member of the Board of the Volos Academy,
The Position of the Bishop in the Ecclesiology of John Zizioulas

Grand Archdeacon Maximos,
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople,
The Eucharistic Ecclesiology of Metropolitan of Pergamon
John Zizioulas and the Question of Primacy

Dr Georgios Martzelos, Professor of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,
The Ecclesiological Thought of the Metropolitan of Pergamon in the Context of the Ecumenical Inter-Christian Dialogue

His Grace Bishop of Branicevo Ignatije (Midic), Patriarchate of Serbia, Professor of Theology, University of Belgrade,
Eucharist and Kingdom: The Iconic Realism of Worship in Maximos the Confessor and Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas

Dr Petros Vassiliadis, Professor of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,
The Eschatological Understanding of the Church in the Thought of the Metropolitan of Pergamon

His Grace Bishop of Western America Maxim (Vasiljevic), Patriarchate of Serbia, Professor of Theology, University of Belgrade,
Gender, Person, and Otherness in the Theology of Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas

Dr Aristotle Papanikolaou, Papanikolaou, Associate Professor, Co-founder-Director of the Program for Orthodox Christian Studies at Fordham University (New York),
Personhood and Confession: Truth-Telling as a Hypostatic Event.
The Legacy of the Theology of Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas

Reception of His Eminence Metropolitan of Pergamon
John (Zizioulas) as Fellow
of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

His Eminence Metropolitan of Demetrias Ignatius,
The Metropolitan of Pergamon as Ecclesiastical and Theological Figure

Dr Pantelis Kalaitzidis,
Director of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies,
Academic Laudatio for Metropolitan John of Pergamon

Awarding of the Great Cross and Honorary Diploma of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies to His Eminence Metropolitan of Pergamon John

Address by the honored Hierarch on the subject:

Orthodox Theology and the Challenges of the 21st Century

Seminars

1

Teaching Ecumenical Theology in the Orthodox World

Preparatory meeting on the publication of a Handbook on Teaching Ecumenical Theology in the Orthodox contexts, in collaboration with the Program on Ecumenical Theological Education (ETE) of the WCC, the Commission "Churches in Dialogue" of the Conference of European Churches (CiD/CEC) and the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

Volos, Greece, October 16-18, 2011

"Thessalia" Conference Center, Melissatika, Volos

2

The Reception of Palamism in the West Today (Patristic seminar)

Main speaker:

Dr Norman Russell, Teaching at Heythrop College, London University

Respondents:

Dr Stavros Yagazoglou, Advisor at the Pedagogical Institute and Editor-in-Chief of the journal "Theologia"

Dr Ivana Noble, Associate Professor of Ecumenical Theology at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Prague (Skype conference)

Fr Nikolaos Loudovikos, Associate Professor at the Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Thessaloniki and Lecturer at the Orthodox Institute in Cambridge

Athens, Saturday, March 3

For further information and to register, contact our Secretariat: Tel. +30-2421093553, 93573; e-mail: info@acadimia.gr

3

Training programs and seminars under the auspices of the Pedagogical Institute for Teachers of Religious Education

Trainers:

Dr Olga Grizopoulou, Author of textbooks for Religious Education

Apostolos Barlos, MTh, Director of the School for Adults in Larissa, Greece, Author of textbooks for Religious Education

Vaso Gogou, BA in Theology and Greek Literature, Teacher of Cultural and Aesthetic Education in the School for Adults in Larissa, Greece

Pigi Kazlari, Former School Advisor for Secondary School Religious Educators, Author of textbooks for Religious Education

For topics, dates and venue of seminars, see www.acadimia.gr

Volos Academy for Theological Studies

The Volos Academy for Theological Studies functions as an open forum of thought and dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the broader scholarly community of intellectuals worldwide. In its effort to foster interdisciplinary and inter-religious understanding, the Academy has been organizing a series of studies, international seminars, conferences, roundtables and publications. In order to meet this objective, the Academy for Theological Studies has collaborated with numerous other institutions, jointly addressing problems and challenges of our time, in a spirit of respect for each other's differences. Thus, the Academy has collaborated with institutions such as the Boston Theological Institute, the French Institute in Athens, Drury University (USA), the School of Theology at the University of Thessaloniki, the Department of Orthodox Theology at the University of Munich, the Faculty of Theology at Heidelberg University, the Bossey Ecumenical Institute and the World Council of Churches, the Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL), the Orthodox Theological Faculty at the University Babes-Bolyai (Cluj-Napoca, Romania) and the University's Center on Bioethics, the Department of History-Archaeology and Social Anthropology at the University of Thessaly, the Chair of Orthodox Theology at the University of Münster (Germany), the Program of Orthodox Studies at Fordham University (New York), the Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox, Inter-Confessional and Inter-Religious Studies (INTER, Cluj-Napoca), Saint Sergius Theological Institute (Paris), the Journal and the Ecumenical Center Istina, French Orthodox Journal Contacts, the Athens Pedagogical Institute, the Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy, the Association of Orthodox Women in Europe, the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC), the Ecumenical Youth Council of Europe (EYCE), the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF), the Forum of European Muslim Youth Student Organizations (FEMYSO), the Association of Religious Teachers of Imathia (Greece), the Municipal Center of History in Volos, the School of Iconography

Dia Heiros of the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias in Volos, the French website on Orthodox news www.orthodoxie.com, and a number of journals, academic periodicals and publication houses (Nea Hestia, Synaxis, Analogion, Leimonarion, Kastaniotis, Indiktos, Hestia, Harmos, etc). As a result of this scholarly activity, the Metropolis of Demetrias and the city of Volos have become an international meeting place for encounter and dialogue.

Among the topics addressed by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in previous academic years were: "Orthodoxy in the 21st century," "Church and Culture," "Church and Eschatology," "Orthodox Christianity and Modernity," "Islam and Fundamentalism-Orthodox Christianity and Globalization," "Christian Presence and Witness in Palestine and Middle East Today: Theological and Political Challenges," "Orthodox Christianity and Otherness," "Gender and Religion-The Place of Women in the Church," "Being Human, Becoming Divine: Elisabeth Behr-Sigel's Contributions to the Church," "Women and Religion: The Problem of Violence and Fundamentalism," "Theology and Literature," "Theology and Modern Church Architecture," "The New Synaxarion: The Lives of the Saints of the Orthodox Church," "Toward an Ecumenical Declaration of Just Peace and Reconciliation: An Orthodox Contribution," "Biblical Liberation Theology, Patristic Theology, and the Ambivalence of Modernity in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective," "Orthodox Christianity and Education: Religious Instruction as a Lesson in Identity and Culture," "Orthodox Christianity and Multiculturalism," "Lay Participation in Ecclesiastical Life," "Turmoil in Post-war Theology: the 'Theology of the '60s,'" "Theological Portraits I: Panayiotis Trembelas: Between Tradition and Renewal, Between Academia and Mission," "Church and State," "Orthodox Christianity and Islam: Islam in Europe," "Orthodox Christianity, Tradition, and History," "Wittgenstein and Apophatic Theology," "Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Peace," "Eucharist, Church, and the World" "The Participation of Orthodox Women in the Ecumenical Movement: Past, Present, and Future," "Neo-Patristic Synthesis or Post-Patristic Theology: Can Orthodox Theology Be

Contextual?," "The Place of Religion in the Public Sphere," "Issues of Renewal and Reform in Orthodoxy," "Refugees, Immigrants, and the Church," "Shifting Versions of Helleno-Christianity (19th -20th centuries)," and more.

The scholarly fruits of these conferences have been published under the following titles: Church and Eschatology, (Athens: Kastaniotis Publications), 2003; Islam and Fundamentalism-Orthodox Christianity and Globalization, (Athens: Indiktos Publications) 2004; Gender and Religion. The Role of Women in the Church, (Athens: Indiktos Publications) 2004; Religion and Literature (Parts I, II, and III) in the literary journal Nea Hestia (March 2004, March 2005, and September 2009, respectively); Orthodox Theology in the 21st century, by Metropolitan of Diokleia Kallistos Ware, Senior Lecturer at Oxford University, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2005; Prolegomena on Orthodox Christianity and Modernity, by Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2007, also translated and published in Romanian by EIKON Publications; Orthodox Christianity and Modernity (collected works), (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2007; Turmoil in Post-war Theology: the Theology of the 60's (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2009; 'And on earth peace'... A Vision and A Demand for Societies and Churches Today. An Orthodox Contribution (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2010; Church and Culture in Contemporary Greek Theology (published in French in Istina, Issue 1, January-March 2010), Biblical Theology of Liberation, Patristic Theology and the Ambivalences of Modernity in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2012; 'Many Women Were There...': The Participation of Orthodox Women in the Ecumenical Movement: Past, Present, Future (Geneva/Volos: WCC Publications/Volos Academy), 2011. Forthcoming publications of papers presented at our Academy's previous conferences include, among others: Orthodox Christianity and Multiculturalism, Church and Culture, Neo-Patristic Synthesis or Post-Patristic Theology: Can Orthodox Theology Be Contextual?, Lay Participation in Ecclesiastical Life, and Church and State.

For the Academic Year 2011-12, the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, continuing the tradition of timely and high-level academic events, has organized a major international conference on the subject: "Ecclesiology and Nationalism in the Postmodern Era," a matter of exceptional importance for both the identity and character of the Church and for the unity and witness in a divided world. It has also scheduled a number of individual conferences, seminars, workshops, seminars, and book presentations in which the Academy will address topics such as "Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas: Person, Eucharist, and the Kingdom of God in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective," "On the Way to Likeness: Elisabeth Behr-Sigel's Theological and Anthropological Contribution to the Church," "Why is the Orthodox Doctrine of Theosis So Intriguing to Western Christians?," "The Reception of Palamism in the West Today," "The Issue of Language in Worship," "Economic Crisis, Poverty and Social Justice: the Word of Theology and the Church," "The Place of Religion in the Public Sphere", "Teaching Ecumenical Theology in the Orthodox World," "Education through Art," among others. The Volos Academy is also preparing a training seminar, for the sixth consecutive year, for teachers of religious education.

Lastly, the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias, in collaboration with the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, has established an online digital Orthodox theological library (www.imdlibrary.gr), with free access to books, scholarly reviews and periodicals, collected works, monographs and theological essays, and also links to other online digital libraries and websites. Abstracts of all this material are available in Greek, English, and very soon in French, as well as links to other online libraries and websites. An online catalogue (OPAC) is also available for the books, journals and collected works of the conventional library of the Volos Academy (<http://www.imd.gr/openbiblio/opac/index.php>).

By Indiktos Publications:

Metropolitan of Diokleia Kallistos Ware,
Orthodox Theology in the 21st Century

While in the 20th century the main problem of theology was the ecclesiological one, that is the issue of the identity and nature of the Church, in the 21st century -due to rapid and startling developments in the area of biotechnology, genetic engineering and computer science- the major problem that Orthodox theology will face is anthropology.



Islam & Fundamentalism -
Orthodox Christianity and Globalization
(Collected work)

The rise of political Islam and the reactions of many Orthodox Christians against globalization raise the possibility that despite their significant differences, neither Islam nor Orthodox Christianity, which both find themselves today facing the dilemma between "fundamentalism or globalization", have in fact solved (each for different reasons) the issue of their relationship with modernity.



Gender and Religion -
The Role of Women in the Church
(Collected work)

A serious theological study -and basically a self-critical discussion- about the whole range of standpoints of Orthodox theology and tradition on the critical issue of the place of women in the Church: from the radical questioning and overcoming of any kind of discrimination (including that based on gender) to the undermining and hierarchical subversion of women to men.





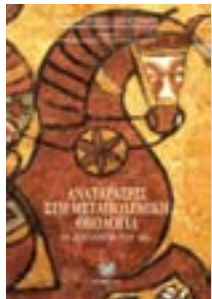
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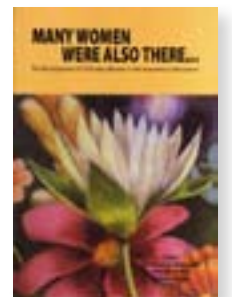
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Church and Culture in Contemporary Greek Theology
(Issue of the Journal Istina)



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Pantelis Kalaitzidis,

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