

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013

**THEOLOGY
IN DIALOGUE**

PROGRAM AND PARALLEL EVENTS



VOLOS ACADEMY FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES



There is a growing awareness of the urgent need for the Orthodox Church and theology to dialogue with the various challenges of the post-modern world—indeed, our times demand it. This is not simply so that Orthodoxy can be en vogue or keep up with the latest trends, but because of its dialogical ethos, which is derived from its theological consciousness and from the nature of the Trinitarian Godhead. Our faith in the Triune God is not faith in a self-contained monad, but in a communion of eternal love, freedom, and reciprocal inter-penetration. In a communion of mutual love and dialogue, such as that of the Divine Being, this Trinitarian mode of existence is understood by patristic theology and contemporary Orthodox theology as “Being in communion” and “Being in dialogue” (Metropolitan of Pergamon John Zizioulas). With creation, this intra-Trinitarian dialogue expands to become a dialogue between the Triune God and a created reality not of the same essence (*ἑτεροούσιος*), and especially with the crown of creation, man. Creation, in fact, is a dialogue initiated by God—the quintessential “Other”—with created reality, a dialogue that will continue until its eschatological fulfillment, until the Kingdom of the Triune God. The central event in this dialogue of the Divine Economy is the Incarnation of the Son and Word of God. The Church, as the Body of Christ, is called to continue, through the Holy Spirit, Christ’s dialogical work of salvation within history; in the words of Metropolitan Ignatius of Demetrias, the Church is called to dialogue with whatever is not yet the Church. Thus, the Church does not exist for itself but for the world and for the sake of the world. Extrapolating from this fundamental theological axiom, we could add that

it is inconceivable for theology to not dialogue with the world beyond the Church, to not—in other words—assume the “flesh” of the world, to not incarnate the Good News of the Kingdom again and again in every new situation. Dialogue is the most characteristic expression of the Church’s ethos of love, a witness to the spirit of Christian love and reconciliation.

For many years now, primarily (if not exclusively) due to historical reasons, the idea of a dialogue between Orthodoxy and (post)modernity has elicited fear and hesitation, and has been postponed in the name of so-called fidelity to the letter of tradition. But it now seems that such a meeting is considered imperative, at least among a vibrant and healthy segment of the faithful which no longer wishes to rest on the laurels of the Church’s glorious past, but to remain forever open to the refreshing breeze of the Spirit, attuned to the messages of the times. The current challenges facing Orthodoxy pose critical and often new and unexpected questions, which have no analogue in the medieval worldview, from which conservative theological thought—permanently oriented to the past—attempts to find ready answers and solutions. When the Church refuses to draw its identity primarily from the past or the present, but rather from the future, from the coming Kingdom, of which the Eucharist serves as a foretaste, then this eucharistic and eschatological identity is able to safeguard the Church from the double-edged sword of secularization and historical marginalization—from conforming to the world on one hand and, on the other, a fundamentalistic denial of the contextual character (which derives, in part, from human factors) of the Church’s tradition and theology.

With this in mind, Orthodox theology must honestly ask itself: Can it continue to shadowbox against a strawman of the (post-)modern world and the challenges it poses for truth itself as well as for the identity of man and the world? Can it continue to condemn modern technological and scientific achievements, which entail an entirely new, universal interpretation of life, Orthodox theology itself being unable (or unwilling) to creatively and fruitfully reinterpret its own faith and inherently rejuvenative tradition using a contemporary and, of course, understandable language? Can a

eucharistic awareness and the theology of the person help give meaning to human existence and the rest of creation? Can Orthodox theology afford to skirt or outright ignore contemporary anthropological concerns and the persistent questions raised by the rapid developments in the humanities (psychology, psychoanalysis, anthropology, linguistics, etc.)? Can an alert ecclesiastical consciousness demur at a sincere effort at dialogue with other Christian traditions—an effort based on the hope for unity and reconciliation in Christ—, as well as a common search for solutions to modern man's problems? Is Orthodox theology able to articulate a message of solidarity with the persecuted Christians of all traditions in the cradles of Christianity—a message that highlights the peace and forgiveness of the Gospel as well as genuine religiosity, and thereby nurtures peace and reconciliation in regions dominated by fundamentalism and intolerance?

It is precisely these and other similar questions that the Volos Academy for Theological Studies will address this year with a series of events, lectures, book presentations, conferences, and seminars, organized in collaboration with other Orthodox or ecumenical forums, institutes, theological schools, and academies, from January-June 2013.



1

From Personal Problems to Problems of the Person

Two meetings featuring a dialogue between theology and psychology

1st Meeting:

Saturday, February 16, 2013, Volos Municipal Building, 7:00 pm

“Existential and Social Pain as an Opportunity for Change”

IAKOVOS MARTIDIS, Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist, Author

REV. BARNABAS YANGOU, Director of Youth Ministry, Metropolis of Thessaloniki

2nd Meeting:

Saturday, March 9, Volos Municipal Building, 7:00 pm

“From Anger to Violence”

DR. ELENI DIDASKALOU, Assistant Professor, Department of Special Education, University of Thessaly

REV. DR. ADAMANTIOS AVGOUSTIDIS, Associate Professor, University of Athens, Director of the Institute for Pastoral Training, Archdiocese of Athens

The series of dialogues between theology and psychology has been organized in collaboration with the mental health organization “Health Progress” and the Youth Association of the Metropolis of Demetrias.

Admission is free and open to the public.

2

Orthodox Mission in the Far East

Lecture with slideshow presentation by Metropolitan Nektarios of Hong Kong

Sunday, February 24, 2013, 7:00 pm

Spiritual Center of the Metropolis of Demetrias (K. Kartali and Gazi)

The event has been organized in collaboration with the Missionary Association “The Three Hierarchs.”

3

Theology in Dialogue: The Work and Publications of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

Presenters:

DR. GEORGIOS FILIAS, *Chairman of the Department of Social and Pastoral Theology at the University of Athens*

DR. KONSTANTINOS KORNARAKIS, *Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, University of Athens*

DR. PANTELIS KALAITZIDIS, *Director of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies*

Moderated by Dr. Konstantinos Deliconstantis, *Professor of the University of Athens*

Opening Remarks by His Eminence Metropolitan Ignatius of Demetrias and the Dean of the Theological School of Athens, Professor Marios Begzos.

Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 12 pm, Theological School of the University of Athens

The event has been organized in collaboration with the Dean of the Theological School of Athens.

4

The Present and Future of Christians in the Middle East in Light of the Recent Developments in the Arab World

Roundtable participants:

HIS GRACE BISHOP ELIA (TOUME) OF MARMARITA, *Patriarchate of Antioch (Syria)*

DR. HANNA GRACE, *Member of the Egyptian Parliament*
REV. DR. GEORGES MASSOUH, *Director of the Center for Christian-Muslim Studies at the University of Balamand (Lebanon)*
DR. ANTOINE COURBAN, *Professor at the University of Saint Joseph (Beirut, Lebanon)*

Saturday, March 30, 2013, Thessalia Conference Center, 6:30 pm

5a

Patristics and Tradition

The Inaugural **Virginia H. Farah** Annual Lecture

Speaker:

REV. DR. ANDREW LOUTH, *Professor Emeritus of Patristic and Byzantine Studies at the University of Durham (Great Britain), Visiting Professor of Eastern Orthodox Theology at Vrije University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)*

Volos, Wednesday, May 15, 2013, 7:30 pm
Spiritual Center of the Metropolis of Demetrias
(K. Kartali and Gazi)

5b

The same lecture will be repeated in Athens

Thursday, May 16, 2013, 7:00 pm
The Kostis Palamas Building (Akadimias and Sina)

Fr Andrew Louth's lectures in Athens and Volos will be given in Greek; admission is free open to the public

These lectures are sponsored by the **Virginia H. Farah Foundation**, an Orthodox philanthropic institution. For more information, see www.farahfoundation.org



1

Theological Portraits II in a Series of Theological Conferences on the Most Important Figures in Modern Greek Theology

Nikos Nissiotis, Orthodoxy's Ecumenical Theologian

Saturday, April 6, 2013, 9:30 am
Thessalia Conference Center, Melissatika, Volos

Presenters:

DR. MARIOS BEGZOS, *Dean of the Theological School of Athens*
Nissiotis' Intellectual and Academic Path

GEORGIOS VLANTIS, *MA in Comparative Philosophy of Religion,
Research Associate at the Department of Orthodox Theology of the Uni-
versity of Munich and the Volos Academy for Theological Studies*
Orthodox Theology and Philosophy in Dialogue: Faith and Reason in
N. Nissiotis

NIKOS ASPROULIS, *MTh, Research Associate of the Volos Academy for
Theological Studies and the journal Theologia*
The Dynamics of the Person: Comments on N. Nissiotis' Anthropology
and Theological Personology

DR. STAVROS YANGAZOGLU, *Advisor to the Ministry of Educa-
tion, Religion, Culture, and Sport / Institute of Educational Policy, In-
structor at the Hellenic Open University, Editor of the journal Theologia*
The Pneumatological Christology of N. Nissiotis

**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN CHRYSOSTOMOS (SAVVA-
TOS) OF MESSINIA**,
Professor, School of Theology, University of Athens,
N. Nissiotis' Contribution to the Ecumenical Movement

DR. STELIOS TSOMPANIDIS, *Assistant Professor, Department of The-
ology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*
The Dynamic Ecclesiology of N. Nissiotis

REV. DR. GREGORY EDWARDS, *Research Associate of the Volos
Academy for Theological Studies*
Theology of Mission in the Work of N. Nissiotis

DR. ELIAS LIAMIS, *Musician, Chairman of the Synodal Commission*



CONFERENCES

for Artistic Events of the Church of Greece

“Man as His Body”: N. Nissiotis and the Olympic Ideal

DR. ATHANASIOS N. PAPATHANASIOU, *Editor-in-chief of the journal Synaxis, Instructor at the Hellenic Open University*

N. Nissiotis and Contextual Theologies: Conceptions of Truth, Witness, Praxis, and Tradition

DR. PANTELIS KALAITZIDIS, *Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Instructor at the Hellenic Open University, Visiting Research Fellow at Princeton University, Visiting Professor, St Sergius Orthodox Institute, Paris,*

Political Theology in the Work of N. Nissiotis

DR. JURGEN MOLTSMANN, *Professor, University of Tübingen*

The Joy of the Resurrection in the Work of N. Nissiotis



2

Can Orthodox Theology Be Contextual? Concrete Approaches from the Orthodox Tradition

(International Conference)

Cluj-Napoca, Romania, May 23-26, 2013

Presenters:

REV. DR. HIGOUMEN CALINIC (BERGER), *Priest of the Romanian Orthodox Church, Pennsylvania, USA*

Trinitarian Theology

REV. DR. PAUL GAVRILYUK, *Associate Professor, St Thomas University, Minnesota, USA*

Christology

REV. DR. RADU BORDEIANU, *Associate Professor, Duquesne University, Pennsylvania, USA*

Pneumatology and Eschatology

DR. PETROS VASSILIADIS, *Professor Emeritus, School of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece*

Eucharistic Ecclesiology

DR. JOHN FOTOPOULOS, *Associate Professor, St Mary's College, Notre Dame, USA,*

Biblical Exegesis and Hermeneutics

DR. ARISTOTLE PAPANIKOLAOU, *Professor, Co-founding Director of the Center for Orthodox Christian Studies, Fordham University, New York, USA*

Personhood and Virtue Ethics

DR. SPYRIDOULA ATHANASSOPOULOU-KYPRIOU, *Instructor at the Hellenic Open University, Greece,*

Gender and Sexuality

REV. DR. ZOSIM-DORIN OANCEA, *Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion, University of Sibiu, Romania,*

Ecology and the Environment

DR. RASTKO YOVIC, *Teacher of Religious Education, Belgrade, Serbia,*
Theology and Politics

DR. MICHAEL HJALM, *Dean of Sankt Ignatios Theological Academy, Södertälje, Sweden, and Theological Secretary, Diocese of Helsinki, Orthodox Church in Finland,*

The Role of the Church in Financial Crisis

CONFERENCES

DR. RADU PREDA, *Director, Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox, Inter-Confessional and Inter-Religious Studies (INTER), Associate Professor of Social Theology, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Babes-Bolai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania,*

Human Rights-Droits de l'homme

DR. ASSAAD ELIAS KATTAN, *Professor, Chair of Orthodox Theology, University of Münster, Germany,*

Interreligious Dialogue

DR. CRINA GSCHWANDTNER, *Associate Professor, Fordham University, New York, USA,*

Philosophy and Theology

REV. DR. SERGEI MOVSESYAN, *Vice-Dean, Department of Theology, Minsk State University, Belarus,*

Education

DR. ALEXANDER PHILONENKO, *Assistant Professor, Kharkov State University, Ukraine,*

Anthropology

DIONYSIOS SKLIRIS, *MA, King's College London and Sorbonne University,*

Nationalism and Race

REV. HILARION REZNICHENKO, *Orthodox Theological Academy of St Petersburg, Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Russia*

Science and Religion

DR. VASILIOS MAKRIDES, *Professor of Sociology of Orthodox Christianity, University of Erfurt, Germany,*

Orthodox Theology and Social Sciences

DR. PANTELIS KALAITZIDIS, *Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Instructor at the Hellenic Open University, Visiting Research Fellow at Princeton University, Visiting Professor, St Sergius Orthodox Institute, Paris*

Theology and Literature

DR. DAVOR DZALTO, *Professor, University of Niss, Chairman of the Institute for the Study of Culture and Christianity, Serbia*

Theology and the Visual Arts

DR. HARALAMBOS VENTIS, *Research Associate of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies,*

Theology and History

REV. DR. GREGORY PAPATHOMAS, *Professor at the School of Theology of the University of Athens and the Orthodox Institute of St. Serge, Paris, President of the European Forum of Orthodox Schools of Theology (EFOST, Brussels)*

Canon Law and the Relevance of the Holy Canons

The conference has been organized in cooperation with the Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox, Inter-Confessional, and Inter-Religious Studies (INTER, Cluj-Napoca, Romania), the Center for Orthodox Christian Studies at Fordham University (NY, USA), the Chair of Orthodox Theology at Münster University (Germany), the Christian Cultural Centre (Belgrade, Serbia), the Center for the Study of Christianity and Culture (Belgrade, Serbia), St. Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute (Moscow, Russia) and the European Forum of Orthodox Schools of Theology (EFOST, Brussels)

Begins: Thursday, May 23, 2013, 5:00 pm

For more information and registration, contact the Secretariat of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

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3

The Present and Future of Biblical Studies in the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches

(International Conference)

Florence, June 6-7, 2013

PROF. JOHN FOTOPOULOS, *St Mary's College, Notre Dame, USA,*

The Present and Future of Biblical Studies in the Orthodox Church
PROF. L. MAZZINGHI, *Faculty of Theology, Florence, and Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome,*

*The Place of Biblical Studies in the Catholic Church after the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* of the Second Vatican Council*

PROF. CHRISTOS KARAKOLIS, *School of Theology, University of Athens,*

Patristic Tradition, Orthodox Theology, and the Importance of the

Bible in the Orthodox Church

PROF. ROBERTO FILIPPINI, *Theological Studium, Camaione,*
Holy Scripture and Tradition in Roman Catholicism

PROF. MILTIADIS KONSTANTINOU, *School of Theology, Aristotle*
University of Thessaloniki,

The Divine Inspiration of the Bible in the Orthodox Church

DR. ALESSANDRO BIANCALANI, *Faculty of Theology, Florence,*
The Roman Catholic Doctrine on Biblical Inspiration

PROF. KONSTANTINOS ZARRAS, *School of Theology, University of*
Athens

The Canon of the Old Testament and the Study of Judaism in Orthodox
Biblical Studies

PROF. STEFANO TAROCCHI, *Faculty of Theology, Florence,*

The Canon of the New Testament in Roman Catholic Tradition

AIKATERINI TSALAMPOUNI, *Lecturer, School of Theology, Aristotle*
University of Thessaloniki,

The Canon of the New Testament in Orthodox Tradition

PROF. GÉRARD ROSSÉ, *Sophia University Institute, Loppiano,*
Hermeneutical Methods of Biblical Exegesis in Roman Catholicism

PROF. PETROS VASSILIADIS, *School of Theology, Aristotle University*
of Thessaloniki,

The Liturgical Use of Modern Translations in Contemporary Greek-
speaking Orthodoxy

The conference has been organized in collaboration with the Catholic
Theological Faculty of Florence.

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1

The Theology of the “In-between” Sophianic Reflections on Some Patristic Themes

The Inaugural **Virginia H. Farah** Annual Seminar

A patristic seminar on Wisdom (Sophia), energies, angels and the saints, prayer, sacraments, and icons, and their relationship with political theology, theocracy, and the secularization of society

Athens, Saturday, May 18, 2013

Featured Speaker:

REV. DR. ANDREW LOUTH, *Professor Emeritus of Patristic and Byzantine Studies at the University of Durham (Great Britain), Visiting Professor of Eastern Orthodox Theology at Vrije University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)*

Roundtable Participants:

REV. DR. DEMETRIOS BATHRELLOS, *Instructor at the Hellenic Open University, Visiting Lecturer at the Orthodox Institute of Cambridge, Member of the Board of Directors of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies*

NIKOS ASPROULIS, *MTh, Research Associate of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies and the journal Theologia*

Registration is required for this seminar; please contact the Secretariat of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

The seminar takes place courtesy of the **Virginia H. Farah Foundation**, an Orthodox philanthropic institution; see www.farahfoundation.org

2

Training Programs and Seminars for Teachers of Theology

Instructors:

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 Philology, Teacher of Cultural and Aesthetic Education in the School for Adults in Larissa, Greece*

PIGI KAZLARI, *BA in Theology, Former School Advisor for Secondary School Religious Educators, Author of textbooks for Religious Education*

For topics, dates, and venues of the 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-Archeology and Social Anthropology at the University of Thessaly, the Chair of Orthodox Theology at the University of Münster (Germany), the Center for 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 Christian Cultural Center of Belgrade (Serbia), St. Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute (Moscow, Russia), the Orthodox Academy of Valamo (Finland), the European Forum of Orthodox Schools of Theology (EFOST, Brussels), 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 Associa-

tion of Religious Teachers of Imathia (Greece), the Academic Association for Adult Education, the “Second Chance” Schools of Volos and Larissa, the Alternative School of the Therapeutic Community “Exodus,” the Municipal Center of History in Volos, the Youth Association of the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias, 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*,” “*Ecclesiology and Nationalism in the Postmodern Era*,” “*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*,” “*En Route to ‘In the Likeness’: Elisabeth Behr-Sigel’s Theological and Anthropological 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,” “Education through Art,” “Shifting Versions of Helleno-Christianity (19th -20th centuries),” “The Question of Language in Worship,” “Why is the Orthodox Doctrine of Theosis So Intriguing to Western Christians?,” “The Reception of Palamism in the West Today,” “The Teaching of Ecumenical Theology in the Orthodox World,” “Metropolitan John Zizioulas of Pergamon: Person, Eucharist, and the Kingdom of God in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective,” 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 work), (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); *Christians in the Middle East* (in English, in the March 2012 issue of the journal *The Ecumenical Review*); *Biblical Liberation Theology, 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; *Ecclesiology and Nationalism* (in English, forthcoming in 2013 in the journal *St Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly*). 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 Theol-*

ogy Be Contextual?, *Lay Participation in Ecclesiastical Life, and Church and State*. Since 2012, the Volos Academy for Theological Studies has also been active in publishing in English (in the series: “Doxa and Praxis: Exploring Orthodox Theology,” in collaboration with WCC Publications), and has already published the first two volumes in the series: *Orthodox Theology in the Twenty-first Century* (Metropolitan Kallistos Ware) and *Orthodoxy and Political Theology* (Pantelis Kalaitzidis).

For the academic year 2012-13, the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, continuing the tradition of timely and high-level academic events, has organized important international conferences on issues such as: *Nikos Nisiotis: Orthodoxy's Ecumenical Theologian, Can Orthodox Theology Be Contextual? Concrete Approaches from the Orthodox Tradition, and The Present and Future of Biblical Studies in the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches*. Parallel to these, the Academy has scheduled several one-day workshops, roundtables, lectures, book presentations, and seminars in which the Academy will address topics such as: “*From Personal Problems to Problems of the Person*” (Dialogues Between Theology and Psychology), “*Orthodox Mission in the Far East*,” “*Theology in Dialogue: The Work and Publications of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies*,” “*The Present and Future of Christians in the Middle East in Light of Recent Developments in the Arab World*,” “*Patristics and Tradition*,” and “*The Theology of the ‘In-between’: Sophianic Reflections on Some Patristic Themes*,” among others, while also, for the seventh consecutive year, preparing a training seminar for public school teachers of theology and religion.

Finally, the Volos Academy, in collaboration with the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias, 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. Thanks to this initiative, the Volos Academy has been honored to participate in the Global Digital Theological Library (GlobTheoLib: www.globethics.net/gtl). This online library aims to use new digital models for the exchange of information in order to contribute to the efficient transmission and exchange of theological knowledge, overcoming local barriers and physical difficulties that impede theological communication between North and South, East and West. The Global Online Theologi-



cal Library provides registered users free access to the full texts of hundreds of thousands (to date: 600,000) articles, theses and dissertations, and other publications in various languages related to theology and the ecumenical movement.



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 deal with is anthropology.



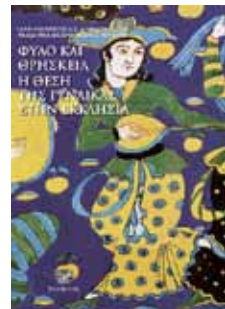
ISLAM & FUNDAMENTALISM- ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY AND GLOBALIZATION(COLLECTED WORK)

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 “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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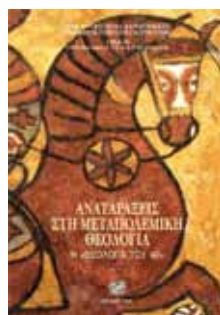
1. ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY & MODERNITY (COLLECTED WORK) 2. PROLEGOMENA: PANTELIS KALAITZIDIS

Did Orthodox Christianity stop before modernity? Has Orthodox Christianity come to terms with modernity and its consequences at the social and cultural level? Are human rights compatible with the orthodox ethos and to what extent is the emergence of the subject necessarily linked to individualism and negation of communion of persons? Are Orthodox Christianity and Enlightenment necessarily mutually exclusive? What does the Church have to say in the postmodern and multicultural age? What is Orthodox Christianity after all: a religion of the past and a struggle to preserve “historical privileges” or a way of life for the present and the future?



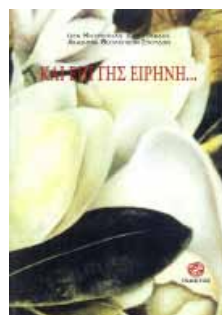
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This volume includes the papers (and the discussion) presented at the conference on the “Theology of the ’60s,” which took place in Volos in May 2005, under the auspices of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies and the theological journal *Synaxis*. This collected volume attempts, for the first time, a multifaceted and critical evaluation of the meaning and the quest of a whole theological generation, which marked the direction of contemporary Orthodox theology in Greece and beyond.



**“AND ON EARTH PEACE...”
A VISION AND A DEMAND
FOR SOCIETIES AND CHURCHES TODAY:
AN ORTHODOX CONTRIBUTION
(COLLECTED WORK)**

This collective volume contains the papers from a seminar organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in the frame of the DOV program of the WCC and the “International Peace Convocation,” which will take place May 2011, in Kingston, Jamaica. The papers of the volume emphasize the necessity of an Orthodox contribution to a culture of peace. This contribution should not focus on a mere description of the phenomena of violence and war, but offer a prophetic theological word and vision for the transformation of the whole world and the foretaste of what is not yet fulfilled.



**BIBLICAL LIBERATION THEOLOGY,
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IN ORTHODOX AND ECUMENICAL
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A collective volume based on the lectures addressed at the seminar for graduate students organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in collaboration with the School of Theology, University of Heidelberg and the School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki. The volume attempts to open, for the first time, a debate between patristic and liberation theology and additionally to consider the challenges and ambivalences of modernity, from an Orthodox and ecumenical theological perspective.



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MANY WOMEN WERE THERE... THE PARTICIPATION OF ORTHODOX WOMEN IN THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

The volume includes the papers presented at the international consultation which took place in Volos in June 2008 and was a joint organization of the “Women in Church and Society” Program of the WCC and the Volos Academy for Theological Studies. This collection of articles shows off the multifaceted participation of Orthodox women theologians in the ecumenical movement and at the same time the theological challenges they faced in this framework. The questions raised in the ecumenical context regarding the role of women in theology and the life of the Church offered a good opportunity to the Orthodox to start an internal, self-critical discussion, which is still necessary and apropos.



Journal Nea Hestia

RELIGION AND LITERATURE (COLLECTED WORK)

Issues of the Literary Journal *Nea Hestia*
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CHURCH AND CULTURE IN CONTEMPORARY GREEK THEOLOGY Issue of the Journal *Istina*

The well-known French theological and ecumenical journal “Istina” dedicated a whole issue (No 1, January-March 2010) to the International Conference of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, “Church and Culture”, which took place in Volos in 2009. The volume includes the French translation of the papers of seven Greek Orthodox theologians (Metropolitan of Nigeria Alexander, Rev Dr Lambros Kamperidis, Rev Dr Dimitrios Barthellos, Prof. Niki Papageorgiou, Prof. Chrysostomos Stamoulis, Prof. Dimitrios Moschos, and Dr Pantelis Kalaitzidis) and attempts to expound the theological discussion on the relation between Church and Culture, Church and world, Church and local traditions, and Church and mission in Greece nowadays.



PANTELIS KALAITZIDIS, ORTHODOXIE ȘI MODERNITATE, O INTRODUCERE

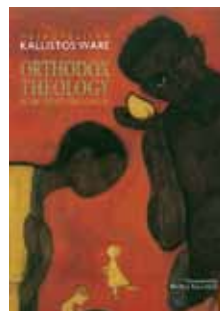
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METROPOLITAN OF DIOKLEIA KALLISTOS WARE, ORTHODOX THEOLOGY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Foreword by Pantelis Kalaitzidis,
“Doxa and Praxis: Exploring Orthodox Theology” series,
Geneva: WCC Publications, 2012

In this inaugural volume of the series “Doxa & Praxis,” the His Eminence Metropolitan Kallistos Ware examines the questions and concerns that Orthodoxy and its theology will face in the area primarily of anthropology, particularly in light of rapid and startling developments in the area of biotechnology, genetic engineering, and computer science.



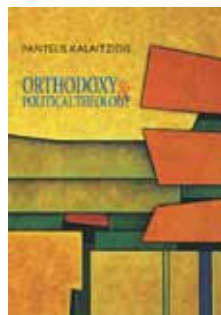


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ORTHODOXY AND POLITICAL THEOLOGY

“Doxa and Praxis: Exploring Orthodox Theology” series
Geneva: WCC Publications, 2012

The central question posed by this book can be summarized as “Why has political theology not been successful in the Orthodox world?” After recalling Orthodoxy’s robust ecclesiology and rich doctrinal and liturgical tradition, the book offers a number of historical reasons, but is primarily due to Orthodoxy’s half-hearted presence in the political sphere, including subjugation at various times to different authoritarian regimes, from the Ottoman Empire to the Soviet Union. The work also highlights the elements of its tradition that could be used to formulate an Orthodox political theology and public witness.



CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Special issue of *The Ecumenical Review*

The well-known English-language journal *The Ecumenical Review* devoted its entire issue No. 1, 2012, to a selection of papers presented at the international conference on “Christian Presence and Witness in Palestine and the Middle East Today: Theological and Political Challenges,” which was held in June 2011 by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in collaboration with the World Council of Churches. This issue includes texts from theologians, intellectuals, and committed Christians from the Middle East and other regions of the world (Michel Nseir, Jamal Hader, Radu Preda, Ekaterini G. Tsalam-pouni, Robert O. Smith, Nora Cort, Tarek Mitri, Assaad Elias Kattan, Mary Mikhael, Pantelis Kalaitzidis), which highlight the issue’s theological and political challenges.



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