

**VOLOS ACADEMY FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

**RESEARCH CENTER**

Academic year 2016 - 2017



**Theological Hermeneutics,  
the word of God and contemporary world**



**PROGRAM AND PARALLEL EVENTS**



**H**ermeneutics plays a dominant role in human intellectual reflection. Making use of various methods, humans attempt to hermeneutically define the surrounding reality, seeking to obtain the best possible understanding of their space-time existence, past and present. At the same time humans try to capture the deeper existential meaning and truth of their existence, seeking ultimately to reach, in the course of interpretation, the openness of the future. However, one is also naturally inclined to interpret whatever may exist beyond the surrounding reality, in other words what lies beyond one's senses and experience, trying thus to satisfy an innate tendency towards the search of ultimate truth. What is then formed is a tri-polar pattern, consisted by three poles: God, humans and the surrounding world. That is precisely the network of relations where the demanding and sometimes painful hermeneutic process occurs, having as its starting point the rational human subject, which seeks to "explain" and capture the wholistic truth of reality.

Theology could not be absent from the wide spectrum of hermeneutical process. Regardless of the variety of its connotations, theology relates primarily to the talk about God (Theology *par excellence*), the way of interpreting reality as a whole (creation, humans, history), and finally the way of defining and mediating this truth in a particular historical context (the process of "translation" according to J. Habermas). This implies that theology is always searching for the most appropriate way of approaching and interpreting truth in Christ, as recorded and preserved in the apostolic and ecclesiastical tradition and proleptically experienced as eschatological foretaste in the Eucharist. Its aim is to offer the Gospel as a timely, but primarily soteriological useful message in every age. Theology is therefore a hermeneutical work *par excellence*, to the extent that it seeks to find the proper conceptual tools, to form the necessary conditions and to determine the inviolable criteria that will make convenient and "effective" the respective contemporary reception and incarnation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Despite the obvious importance of hermeneutics, a careful look at the history of Orthodox theology shows that it actually has faced with caution - if not with negation - the dynamics of hermeneutical work, thus often becoming a fruitless philological preoccupation with texts and monuments of the past; a barren "theology of repetition". The early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, however, signal a change. Due to the theological call for a "neo-patristic synthesis" and plea for the renewal of Orthodox theology by the great Russian theologian of the diaspora, Fr. Georges Florovsky, and also the wider revival of biblical, patristic, liturgical and other studies in the West, Orthodox theology tentatively

begins to revisit its inner relationship with hermeneutics, albeit not always with courage and consistency (cf. the First Congress of Orthodox Theology in Athens, 1936).

The search for an appropriate hermeneutical method that seems to have occupied Christian theology from its early stages had inevitably a decisive influence on the relevant Orthodox thinking. Further, upheaval on all levels of human life, such as technological development, explosion of religious radicalism, the “post-truth” narrative, and others, seem to render urgent the discussion concerning the formation of appropriate premises in relation to a serious and careful re-consideration of the nature, methodology and character of modern Orthodox theology, with special reference to the way of reception and “translation” of the word of God itself.

In the present century Orthodox theology, overcoming the diverse entanglements of the past, seeks to creatively and critically relate *vis-a-vis* its subject, i.e. the incarnate Word of God Himself, and also the surrounding world, in order to assess whether it remains a “Christian” enterprise and not just an Orthodox theology (in a cultural and denominational sense), ultimately pursuing the constant incarnation of God’s word by the power of the Spirit.

In this light the relevance of choosing the appropriate hermeneutical method emerges in order to allow for a timely interpretation of the apostolic *kerygma*. In its constant dialogue with the surrounding intellectual and cultural reality, and the various hermeneutical methods, it is necessary for Orthodox theology to develop in close relation with the reality of modern humans. In its apostolic *kerygma* it needs to develop acquiring adequate language and methods, for instance the analytical or phenomenological language, and the historical-critical method. In this way it would be possible for Orthodox theology to offer a soteriological meaning to the current demands of the post-modern world. Most importantly, it should not be forgotten that the Orthodox Church and its critical voice, i.e. theology, can only be understood as being *in via*. Thus, it is necessary that self-referentiality and self-containedness are avoided, as well as the sufficiency of a technical theological language and its close ties with pre-modern cultural and philosophical models of life which is in clear contradistinction to the patristic *ethos* itself. If theology does not engage with the current reality, any hermeneutical endeavour contradicts both the soteriological perspective of God’s Word, and the timely existential needs of humanity.

It is in this spirit that the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, abiding in the tradition of critical reflection on timely theological topics, organizes its activities for the current academic year 2016-2017. A series of events, lectures, book presentations, meetings and conferences is organized in cooperation with other Orthodox and ecumenical bodies, institutes and seminaries.







## A. EVENTS - LECTURES – BOOK PRESENTATIONS

### 1. **The Theological School of Halki: The Vision for the next day**

**Saturday March 11, 2017, FORUM Conference Center (9 Deligiorgi str., Volos), 7.00 p.m.**

*Speaker:* **His Eminence Metropolitan of Bursa Elpidophoros (Labriniades)**, Abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity and Dean of the Theological School of Halki, Associate Professor, University of Thessaloniki

### 2. **Two meetings featuring a dialogue between Theology and Psychology**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> meeting: Marriage or love? Marriage and Love!**

**Monday March 20, 2017, FORUM Conference Center (9 Deligiorgi str., Volos), 7.00 p.m.**

*Speakers:*

**Iakovos Martidis**, Psychiatrist, Psychotherapist, Writer

**Rev. Charalambos Papadopoulos** (Fr. Lyvios), Priest St. Irene Church, Pyrgos, Writer

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: Divorce and the families afterwards**

**Monday March 27, 2017, FORUM Conference Center (9 Deligiorgi str., Volos), 7.00 p.m.**

*Speakers:*

**Dr. Charis Katakis**, Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Founder and President of the Laboratory for the Study of Human Relations

**Rev. Antonios Kalligeris**, MTh, Director, Office of Pastoral Care of Marriage and Family, Holy Archdiocese of Athens

### 3. **Book Presentations**

**A. Presentation of the Publication: “Oh, my Poor, poorest Skopelos...” Songs from Skopelos.** Field recordings by Markos F. Dragoumis (1967) on behalf of the Musical Folklore Archives of Melpo Merlié

**Sunday April 2, 2017, Volos Municipal Conservatory, 11.30 a.m.**

*Key-Note Speaker:* Haris Sarris, Ethnomusicologist, Department of Folk and Traditional Music, Epirus Technological Educational Institute; additional *interventions by the co-editors of the publication* Markos F. Dragoumis, Kostis Drigianakis and Christos G.

Kalatzis, also by descendants of the anthologized folk singers of Skopelos. Performance by the dancing group of the Lyceum Club of Greek Women (department of Volos).

*The event is organized by the Department of Chanting Art and Musicology of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in cooperation with the Volos Lyceum of Greek Women*

**B. Book launch of the collective volume *The Dialogue between the Eastern Orthodox and the Oriental Orthodox Churches*, ed. Christine Chaillot, Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2016.**

**Friday May 12, 2017, 12.15 p.m., Meeting Room, School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki**

***Round Table participants:***

**His Eminence Metropolitan of Bursa Elpidophoros (Labriniades)**, Abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity and Dean of the Theological School of Halki, Associate Professor, University of Thessaloniki

**Dr. Stylianos Tsompanidis**, Associate Professor, School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki

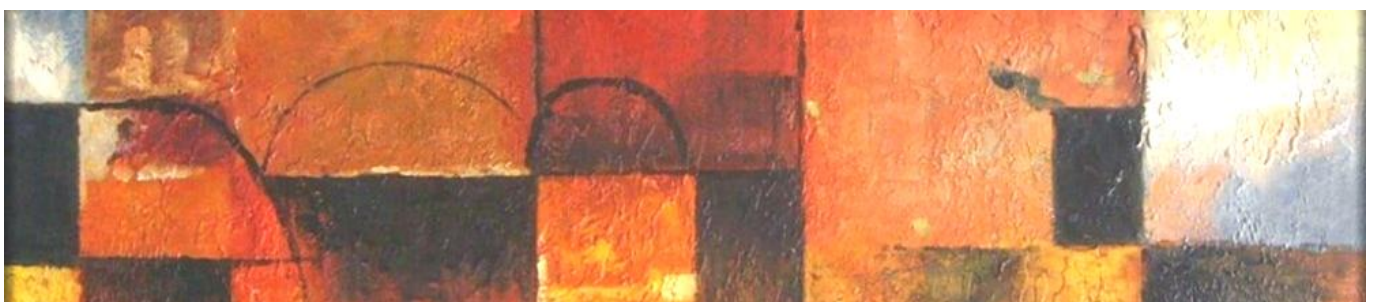
**Christine Chaillot**, Editor of the volume

The meeting is chaired by **Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis**, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

***The event takes place during the courses “Ecumenical Movement” and “Interreligious Dialogue,” and in the framework of the “Week of Theology and Art” of the School of Theology of the University of Thessaloniki***

The book launch will be repeated on **Saturday, May 13, 2017** at the Park Hotel in Volos during the conference of Orthodox Biblical Hermeneutics and in Athens. The venue and the time of the later will be announced in the near future.

***For more information please visit the [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org)***



**C. Book launch of the collective volume, *Personhood, Eucharist and the Kingdom of God in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective: Synaxis Eucharistias in Honor of Metropolitan John D. Zizioulas of Pergamon*, edited by Pantelis Kalaitzidis and Nikolaos Asproulis, Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2016**

**Friday May 12, 2017, 14<sup>th</sup> International Book Fair of Thessaloniki, 7.30 p.m.**

*Round Table Participants:*

**Rev. Dr. John Chrysavgis**, Archdeacon, Ecumenical Patriarchate

**Dr. Panayiotis Yfantis**, Associate Professor, School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki

**Petros Papasasantopoulos**, Publisher, Writer

The event is chaired by **Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis**, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

*The event is co-organized with the Publishing House En Plo.*

#### **4. Voices of the Liturgy: Gender and Performance in the early Byzantine Church**

**The Virginia H. Farah Annual Lecture**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lecture: Volos, Wednesday May 3, 2017, FORUM Conference Center (9 Deligiorgi str., Volos), 7.00 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lecture: Thessaloniki, Thursday May 4, 2017, Museum of Byzantine Culture, 7.00 p.m.**

*The event is organized in cooperation with the Biblical Studies, Patristics and Christian Literature Department of the School of Pastoral and Social Theology of the University of Thessaloniki, the Patriarchal and Stavropegic Vlatadon Monastery and the Patriarchal Institute of Patristic Studies, generously sponsored by the Museum of Byzantine Culture*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Lecture: Athens, Monday May 8, 2017, National Hellenic Research Foundation (Amphitheatre Leonidas Zervas, 48, Vas. Konstantinou Av.), 7.00 p.m.**

*The event is co-organized with the Program “Orality and Performance in Byzantium” of the National Hellenic Research Foundation*

**Speaker: Susan Ashbrook Harvey**, Willard Prescott and Annie McClelland Smith Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University, USA

Professor Susan Ashbrook Harvey’s lectures in Volos, Thessaloniki and Athens will be given in English with parallel translation in Greek with free and open admission to the public

*The lectures are generously sponsored by the Virginia H. Farah Foundation*

## 5. Christianity in the West's Secular Age

### Lecture

**Speaker:** Charles Taylor, Professor Emeritus, McGill University, Canada

**Athens, May 31, 2017, Athens Concert Hall, 7.00 p.m.**

*The event is co-organized with **Megaron Plus***

**Charles Taylor's** lecture will be given in English with simultaneous translation in Greek language

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## September-December 2016

### 1. “Loving Our Enemies”: Reflections on the Hardest Commandment

**October 10, 2016, “House of Cyprus,” Athens**

Roundtable discussion on the occasion of the publication of the Greek translation of the book of the same title by **Jim Forest**, prefaced by **Rev. Vasileios Thermos**, and translated by **Thanos Kiosoglou**, published by Porfyra Books, Athens 2016.

#### *Roundtable participants:*

**Rev. Dr. Vasileios Thermos**, Psychiatrist of Children, Assistant Professor, Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens

**Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis**, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Research Fellow, Catholic University of Leuven

**Jim Forest**, Writer, Former General Secretary, Orthodox Peace Fellowship

The event was coordinated by **Maria Kokkinou**, Publisher (Porfyra Books)

*The event was organized by the “Porfyra Books” in cooperation with the Volos Academy for Theological Studies.*

## September - December 2017

### 1. Presentation of the Book Series “In Dialogue” and of the general publication program of the Volos Academy Publications

*The venue and the time of this event will be announced in the near future. For more information please visit: [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org)*

### 2. Book Launch of the collective volume, *Personhood, Eucharist and the Kingdom of God in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective: Synaxis Eucharistias in Honor of Metropolitan John D. Zizioulas of Pergamon*, edited by Pantelis Kalaitzidis and Nikolaos Asproulis, Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2016

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## B. CONFERENCES

### 1. New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics: History, Theory, Prospects International Conference

**May 11 – 14, 2017, Park Hotel (1, Deligiorgi str. and Polimeri), Volos**

**Opening: May 11, 2017, 5.30 p.m.**

#### *Speakers:*

**Dr. Miltiadis Konstantinou**, Dean and Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Thessaloniki

*The Old Testament in the New Testament: An Orthodox-Hermeneutical Perspective*

**Dr. Kyriakoula Papademetriou**, Associate Professor, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, University of Thessaloniki

*The Potential and Limitations of Intertextuality*

**Dr. John Fotopoulos**, Associate Professor, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

*Patristic Exegesis of the New Testament and Its Relationship with Contemporary Orthodox Hermeneutics*

**Dr. Cosmin Pricop**, Assistant Professor, School of Theology, University of Bucharest (Romania)

*History, Theory and Application of New Testament Reception in Orthodox Hermeneutics*



**Dr. Moschos Goutzioudis**, Assistant Professor, School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki

***Orthodox Hermeneutics of the New Testament and the Historic-Critical Method***

**Dr. Charalampos Atmatzidis**, Associate Professor, School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki

***Synchronic and Post-Modern Approaches to the New Testament in Orthodox-Hermeneutical Perspective***

**Dr. Ioannis Karavidopoulos**, Professor Emeritus, School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki

***Manuscript Tradition and Its Significance for New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics***

**Dr. Ekaterini Tsalampouni**, Assistant Professor, School of Pastoral and Social Theology, University of Thessaloniki, Co-Director of the Department for the Study of the Manuscript Tradition of the New Testament, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

***Canon and Apocryphal Literature in New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics***

***1<sup>st</sup> Seminar***

***New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics, Gender Studies and Sociological Approaches: 1 Cor 11 as a Test-Case***

**Dr. Jorunn Økland**, Professor, Oslo University/ Director Norwegian Institute at Athens

**Dr. Bru Wallace**, Christian Brothers University, Memphis (USA)

**Dr. Lauri Thurén**, Professor, University of Eastern Finland (Joensuu)

***1<sup>st</sup> Round Table***

***New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics and Hermeneutics of Other Church Traditions***

**Dr. John Fotopoulos**, Associate Professor, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

**Dr. Reimund Bieringer**, Professor, School of Theology and Religious Studies. Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)

**Dr. Jeff Baldwin**, Director, Hellenic Biblical College

***2nd Seminar***

***New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics in Dialogue with Systematic Theology and the Theology of Pastoral Care and Mission: Mt 28:16-20 as a Test-Case***

**Dr. Athanasios Despotis**, University of Bonn (Germany)

**Dr. Athanasios N. Papathanasiou**, Lecturer, Hellenic Open University, Chief in Editor, Journal *Synaxis*

**Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis**, Deputy Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

**Dr. Predrag Dragutinovic**, Lecturer, School of Theology, University of Belgrade (Serbia)  
*New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics in Eastern Europe: Background and Future Perspectives*

**Dr. Reimund Bieringer**, Professor, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)

*New Testament Hermeneutics in the Third World: The Challenge of an Emerging New Paradigm*

**Dr. Petros Vasileiadis**, Professor Emeritus, School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki  
*Worship and the Text of the New Testament: the Example of Eucharistic Hermeneutics*

**Dr. Simon Crisp**, Coordinator of scientific publications and qualitative terms of translation, Nida Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA / United Bible Societies  
*Text and Translation in Contemporary Orthodox New Testament Hermeneutics*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Round Table**

*New Testament Orthodox Hermeneutics: Past, Present and Future*

**Dr. Vasileios Tzerpos**, Athens University

**Dr. Athanasios Antonopoulos**, Lecturer, School of Theology, University of Athens

**Dr. Christos Karakolis**, Associate Professor, School of Theology, University of Athens, Co-Director of the Department for the Study of the Manuscript Tradition of the New Testament, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Member of the Editorial Board of the New Testament Critical Editions «Novum Testamentum Graece» and «Greek New Testament»

*The conference is organized by the Department for the New Testament Textual Criticism of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, and is kindly sponsored by the Evangelical Church of Germany (EKD).*



## September - December 2016

### 1. International Conference on the topic: Politics, Economy, Religion, Art: A Contribution to the dialogue between Greece and Germany and a Tribute to Fr. Apostolos Malamoussis

September 27 - 28, 2016, Thessalia Conference Center, Melissatika, Volos

#### *Speakers:*

#### **Refugee Crisis and its challenges for the Churches and the European societies**

Prelate **Bernhard Piendl**, Director of the Caritas in Bavaria

Rev. **Meletis Meletiadis**, Pastor of the Greek Evangelical Church in Volos

#### **Mutual Stereotypes**

**Kostas Koutsourelis**, Writer, Director of *Neon Pnanodion* Review

**Bernhard Remmers**, Director of the School of Journalism of the Catholic Church of Germany

#### **Economic Crisis and its impact (Round Table)**

**Franz-Christoph Zeitler**, Former Vice President of Bundesbank and Former General Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Finances of Germany

**Alekos Papadopoulos**, Former Minister of Finances, Interior Affairs, and Public Health of Greece

#### **Greece and Bavaria: Dialogue in Art**

**Dr. Manos Stefanides**, Professor, University of Athens

**Dr. Thomas Raff**, Professor, Augsburg University

#### **Religion and Church in Greece and Bavaria**

**Dr. Michael Ebertz**, Professor, Freiburg Catholic School

**Dr. Vasilios Makrides**, Professor, School of Philosophy of Erfurt University

The conference ended with a tribute to the Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne Fr. **Apostolos Malamoussis**, who was awarded by Metropolitan Ignatius of Demetrias with the Golden Cross Medal of the Holy Metropolis, for his long service to the local Orthodox Metropolis, and his genuine and ecumenically open witness of Orthodoxy and Hellenism to Germany. The Laudatio for the honoured priest was delivered by Professor **Athanasios Vletsis**, Department of Orthodox Theology, München University.

*The conference was organized in cooperation with the Catholic Academy of Bavaria*





**September- December 2017**

## **1. Eastern Orthodoxy and Inter-Religious Encounter in a Secular Age International Conference**

**September 15-16, 2017**

**Thessalia Conference Center, Melissatika, Volos**

### **Speakers:**

Rev. Dr. **Andrew Louth**, Professor Emeritus of Patristic and Byzantine Studies Durham University (United Kingdom), Honorary Fellow, Faculty of Theology, Vrije Universiteit (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Rev. Dr. **Emmanuel Clapsis**, Archbishop Iakovos Professor, Holy Cross Greek-Orthodox School of Theology (Boston, USA)

**Dr. Petros Vassiliadis**, Professor Emeritus, School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki

**Paul Ladouceur**, Professor, Orthodox School of Theology, Trinity College, University of Toronto (Canada)

**Dr. Brandon Gallaher**, Lecturer of Systematic and Comparative Theology, Exeter University (United Kingdom)

**Dr. Athanasios N. Papathanasiou**, Lecturer at the Hellenic Open University, Editor in Chief of the theological journal *Synaxis*

**Dr. Angeliki Ziaka**, Associate Professor, University of Thessaloniki

**Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis**, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Lecturer at the Hellenic Open University, Research Fellow, Catholic University of Leuven

**Dr. Julia Konstantinovskiy**, Tutor, School of Theology, Oxford University (United Kingdom)

Rev. **Tikhon Vasilyev**, PhD Candidate, Wolfson College, Oxford University (United Kingdom)

**Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis**, Deputy Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

***More information will be announced in the near future at the [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org)***

*The conference is organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in cooperation with the School of Theology and Religious Studies of the Exeter University (United Kingdom)*

## **2. What is the future of Europe?**

**Pre-assembly for South Europe on the way to the General Assembly of the  
Conference of European Churches (CEC)**

**Volos, October 4-6, 2017**

*The meeting is organized in cooperation with CEC, the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias and the Evangelical Church of Volos*



### **3. What theology has to offer to science?**

**Volos, Thessalia Conference Center, November, 25, 2017**

The conference is jointly organized with Program “Science and Orthodoxy around the World” of the National Hellenic Research Foundation

The conference is kindly sponsored by the Templeton Foundation

*More information will be announced in the near future at the [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org)*

### **4. International Conference about the refugee crisis along the Balkan route**

As it is well known, the European migrant and refugee crisis began in 2015, when a rising number of refugees and migrants made the journey to European Union to seek asylum, traveling across the Mediterranean Sea or through Southeast Europe and especially through Greece. The conference seeks to explore the theological and ethical parameters of the issue and the role of the major religious traditions towards the overcoming of this humanitarian crisis.

*The time and the program of the conference will be announced in the near future at the [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org)*

### **5. International Interreligious Conference of Debt Crisis**

Given the active role of religions in social and ethical issues, the conference will focus on the role religions can play in highlighting both the ethical dimensions of the debt crisis and the over-indebtedness and the other efforts towards social justice, the equal distribution of the income and the natural resources at the national, European and global level, and further on the request of the overcoming of the profit practice of borrowing with high rate and finally on the debt release.

*The conference will be organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in cooperation with other organizations and fora of inter-Christian and inter-religious dialogue.*

*The time and the program of the conference will be announced in the near future at the [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org)*

### **6. International Conference about the Diaconate of Women in Eastern and Western Christian Tradition**

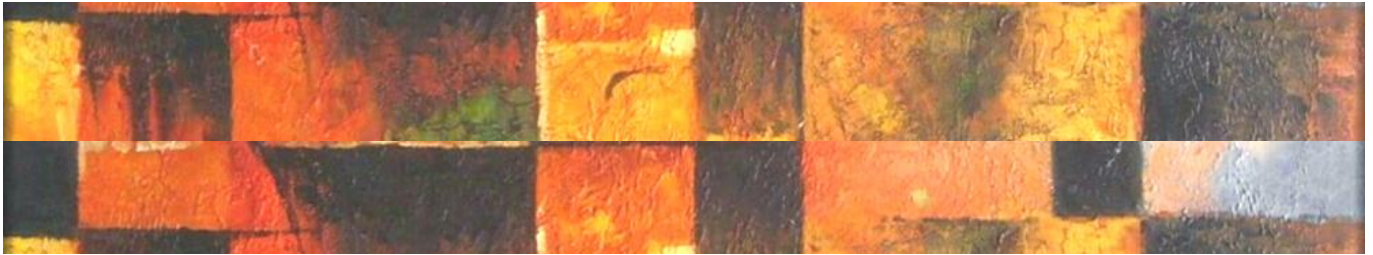
**Leuven (Belgium), Fall 2017**

*The conference is organized in cooperation with the Catholic University of Leuven*

**7. Giving an Account of Evil**  
**International Conference,**  
**August 24-27, 2017**  
**Thessalia Conference Center, Melissatika, Volos**

The Conference is organized in cooperation with “Societas Ethica,” the European Society for Research in Ethics.

*More information will be announced in the near future at the [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org)*



## **C. SEMINARIES**

### **1. On the Laity: Ancient Syriac Models**

**Athens, Saturday May 6, 2017**

**Featured Speaker:** Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Willard Prescott and Annie McClelland Smith Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University (USA)

*Round table participants:*

**Dr. Niki Tsironis**, Institute of Historical Research, National Hellenic Research Foundation (Greece)

**Dr. Nikos Kouremenos**, Post-Doctoral Fellow Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Academic Associate, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

Registration is required for the seminar; please contact and send a brief CV to the Secretariat of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, tel. +3024210-93553, 93573, [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org), e-mail: [info@acadimia.org](mailto:info@acadimia.org)

*The Seminary is organized in cooperation with the Institute of Historical Research, and is kindly sponsored by Virginia H. Farah Foundation*

## 2. Is the understanding of the personhood of God too anthropomorphic? An Orthodox contribution

International Project of analytic philosophy and theology organized in cooperation with the Institute of Christian Philosophy of the Innsbruck University (Austria - Institut für Christliche Philosophie Universität Innsbruck), and lasting from October 2016 until January 2018. The project is part of the Analytic Theology Cluster Initiative: “Concepts of God” hosted by the same Institute

### **Participants:**

**October 22, 2016: Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis** (Volos Academy for Theological Studies):  
*“Causal Trinitarianism”: A solution to the ‘logical problem of the Trinity’?*

**November 5, 2016: Richard Swinburne**, Professor Emeritus, Oxford University  
*The Social Theory of the Trinity* - Respondent: Dr. **Michalis Filippou**

**December 10, 2016: Dr. Michalis Filippou**

*The Doctrine of Trinity and the Metaphysics of Material Constitution*

**February 11, 2017: Rev. Dr. Dimitrios Bathrellos**, Tutor, Hellenic Open University, Visiting Professor, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies (Cambridge) (Greece, United Kingdom)

*The Theology of Enoptaton, the Overcoming of the Ambiguities of Chalcedon, and the ‘Redefinition’ of Hypostasis* - Respondent: Dr. **Dionysios Skliris**

**March 11, 2017: Dr. William Hasker**, Professor Emeritus, Huntington University, (USA)  
*A Compositional Christology*

**April 22, 2017: Dr. Stelios Virvidakis**, Professor, Department of Philosophy and History of Science, University of Athens

*Personhood, immortality and resurrection* – Respondent: Dr. **Haralambos Ventis**, Assistant Professor, School of Theology, University of Athens

**May 27, 2017: Dr. Terrence Cuneo**, Professor, Vermont University, (USA)  
*Analytic philosophy and Eastern theology*

**June 24, 2017: External Speaker I: Metropolitan John D. Zizioulas of Pergamon**

*The relationship between analytic philosophy and Orthodoxy. Is it legitimate and valuable or a crude blasphemy? A theological point of view*

**July 2017: A workshop** with the participation of graduate Students (University of Athens) and young (PhD students, or PostDoc) Scholars interesting in analytic philosophy and theology.

**September 23, 2017: Dr. Bryan Leftow**, Professor, Oxford University

*Trinitarian Theology* (title to be confirmed) – respondent: Dr. **Michalis Filippou**,

**October 21, 2017: Dr. Byron Kaldis**, Professor of Philosophy, Technological University of Athens

*Anthropology* (title to be confirmed)

**December 16, 2017:** Rev. Isidoros Katsos, PhD Candidate, Cambridge University (United Kingdom) - Responent: **Rev. Alexandros Chouliaras**, PhD student, Vrije Universiteit, (The Netherlands)

*What does it mean to be 'human' and how to say it? The conundrum of the Imago Dei tradition of the Eastern Church Fathers*



**January 20, 2018:** *External Speaker 2:* Dr. **John Cottingham**, Professor Emeritus, Reading University, (USA)

*The relationship between analytic philosophy and Orthodoxy. Is it legitimate and valuable or a crude blasphemy? A philosophical point of view* – Respondent: Dr. **Michalis Pangalos**

**February 2018:** A Concluding Seminar discussing the overall merits from analytic philosophy and theology for the Orthodox Tradition and a meeting evaluating and summarizing the work and goals achieved by the research project with the participation of the most of the Cluster Group members as well as scholars interesting in analytic philosophy or philosophy and theology in general.

**The official language of the program is English (and Greek).**

*For more information about the scope of the program, the participants and the schedule please visit the official website of the program at:*

**<http://www.volos-analytictheology2016.org/>**

Registration is required for this seminar; please send a brief CV to the Secretariat of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies Mrs. Valila Giannoutaki (giannoutaki@acadimia.org ή info@acadimia.org) and to Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis (asprou@acadimia.org).

*A priority order will be in place due to the limited seats.*

*Those who enroll in the program will be informed in advance about the venue and the time of the meetings by e-mail, and a follow-up certification will be issued after completion of the program*





### 3. Research Seminar 2016-2017

A monthly theological seminary is organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies under the responsibility of Rev. Dr. Demetrios Bathrellos, Tutor at the Hellenic Open University and Dr. Christos Karakolis Associate Professor of the University of Athens, and in cooperation with the Publishing House *En Plo*. The seminary aims to give participants the opportunity to present aspects of their research before final publication, with the aim of feedback and further inspiration from the following discussion as well as from the further theological dialogue.

#### **Speakers:**

#### **A. Monday November 14, 2016**

**Christos Karakolis**, Associate Professor, University of Athens, Co-Director, Department for the study of the manuscript tradition of the New Testament

*The “Mother of Jesus” according to the Gospel of John: Narrative function and theological relevance*

#### **B. Monday February 13, 2017**

**Dr. Dionysios Skliris**

*From Domination to Impassibility: Overcoming the Dialectic Between Dominator and Dominated According to the Thought of St. Maximus the Confessor (c. 580-662)*

#### **C. Monday May 22, 2017**

**Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis**, Deputy Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

*Creatio ex nihilo and creatio ex amore: John Zizioulas and Sergius Bulgakov in dialogue on theological method*

#### **D. Monday June 12, 2017**

**Rev. Theodoros Kontidis**, Director of the Journal *Open Horizons*

*The discrimination of spirits in the Jesuit Tradition in relation to the “Spiritual Exercises” of Ignatius Loyola and the dispute between Jesuits and Jansenists*

Prior registration is required for this seminar. For more information please contact the Associate Professor Christos Karakolis and Rev. Dr. Demetrios Bathrellos and the Secretariat of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies (Mrs. Valila Giannoutaki, [giannoutaki@acadimia.org](mailto:giannoutaki@acadimia.org) ή [info@acadimia.org](mailto:info@acadimia.org)).



#### 4. Seminars in the framework of the European Academy of Religion 2017-Ex Nihilo Zero Conference, Hosted by Fscire

**Bologna, Sunday June 18-22, 2017**

##### **A. The Eastern Orthodox Holy and Great Council of Crete (June 2016) and Western Christianity**

**Monday, June 19, 2017, 8.30-10.00 a.m. Room 2, Palazzo Isolani, P.zza S., Stefano**

Participants:

**Dr. Brandon Gallaher**, Lecturer of Systematic and Comparative Theology, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Exeter University, United Kingdom

**Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis**, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Lecturer, Hellenic Open University, Research Fellow, Catholic University of Leuven

**Dr. Peter De Mey**, Professor of Systematic Theology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium

**Rev. Dr. Cyril Hovorun**, Research Fellow, Loyola University, Marymount, USA

**Dr. Svet Ribolov**, Associate Professor, School of Theology, Sofia University, Bulgaria

*The round table is organized in cooperation with the School of Theology and Religious Studies of Exeter University*



##### **B. Catholic Ressourcement and Orthodox Neo-Patristic Movement in Dialogue: Actors, Themes and Ecumenical Implications**

**Tuesday, June 20 2017, 8.30-10.00 a.m. Room 2, Palazzo Isolani, P.zza S., Stefano**

Participants:

**Dr. Viorel Coman**, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium

**Dr. Brandon Gallaher**, Lecturer of Systematic and Comparative Theology, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Exeter University, United Kingdom

**Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis**, Deputy Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

**Carlotta Giametta**, PhD Candidate of Ecumenical Studies, Fondazione per le Scienze religiose “Giovanni XXIII,” Italy

**Giorgos Vlantis**, Director, Council of Christian Churches in Bavaria, Academic Associate, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

**Dr. Ivana Noble**, Professor, Protestant School of Theology, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

*The round table is organized in cooperation with the Catholic University of Leuven, the School of Theology and Religious Studies of the Exeter University, and the Fondazione per le Scienze religiose “Giovanni XXIII”*



### **C. Constructing Identities in Ancient Oriental Christianity: Coptic, Syriac-Orthodox and Armenian Communities in Early Middle Ages**

**Monday, June 19, 2017, 1.30-3.00 p.m., Room 3, Palazzo Isolani, P.zza S., Stefano**

Participants:

**Dr. Nikos Kouremenos**, Post-doctoral Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Academic Associate, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

**Dr. Bishara Ebeid**, Lecturer, Pontifical Oriental Institute of Rome

**Dr. Konstantinos Takirtakoglou**

*The round table is organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies*

### **5. Ibadism: Understanding Diversity in Islam**

International Summer School that will examine the fundamentals of Islam and Ibadism through a historical, juridical, literary and religious overview. The Summer School aims to discuss its pacifistic dimension within the framework of North Africa and Middle East historical and geo-political context.

The Summer School will last from September 2 to 9, 2017 and will include 48 hours classes. MA and PhD students of all over the world with background in Islamic studies are encouraged to participate. All teaching, course material and coursework will be in English.

The Summer School is organized by the Department of Inter-Religious Studies of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in cooperation with Dr. Angeliki Ziaka, Associate Professor, of the University of Thessaloniki, and Dr. Ersilia Francesca, Professor of the University of Naples (L' Orientale).

*More information will be announced in the near future at the [www.acadimia.org](http://www.acadimia.org)*





## VOLOS ACADEMY FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

**T**he 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 Roman Catholic Theological Faculty in Florence, 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 Conference of European Churches (CEC), 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 World Student Christian Federation (WSCF), the Forum of European Muslim Youth Student Organizations (FEMYSO), the Association of Religious Teachers of Imathia (Greece), the Academic Association for Adult Education, the Mental Health Organization "Health Progress", 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](http://www.orthodoxie.com), the Volos newspaper "I Thessalia," the leading journal of the study of literature "Nea Hestia", the theological journal Synaxis, the journals Analogion, Leimonarion, of the Holy



Metropolis of Kozani, the Publication Houses, Kastaniotis, Indiktos, Harmos and Hestia. 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 N. Trembelas: Between Tradition and Renewal, Between Academia and Mission,” “Church and State,” “Orthodox Christianity and Islam: Islam in Europe,” “Orthodox Christianity, Tradition, and History,” “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 Hellenic-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. “Holy Canons of the Church and State Laws”, “The existence of evil and the problem of theodicy”, “The Baptism in the New Testament from an Orthodox and Roman Catholic perspective”, “Political Orthodoxy and Totalitarianism in a post Communist Era”, “Ecotheology, Climate Justice and Food Security,” “Metropolitan of Diokleia Kallistos Ware and the Witness of Orthodoxy in the West,” “Theology and Disability in Orthodox Perspective,” “Iconography in Greece, Constantinople and the Orthodox world, yesterday and today. Differences and parallels,” “Theological Portraits III: Archbishop Chrysostomos of Athens (Papadopoulos): Theology and Church life during the Interwar years,” “New Testament Textual Criticism: Its Significance for Scholarship, Culture and Church,” and more.*

The scholarly fruits of these conferences have been published under the following titles: *Church and Eschatology*, (Athens: Kastaniotis Publications), 2003 (re-published by the Volos Academy Publications, Volos 2014); *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), "Many Women Were There..." *The participation of Orthodox Women in the Ecumenical Movement: Past, Present, Future*, (WCC Publications-Volos Academy, 2011), *The Christians in the Middle East* (in English, in the March 2012 issue of the journal *The Ecumenical Review*), *Biblical Theology of Liberation, Patristic Theology and the Ambivalences of Modernity in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective*, (Athens: Indiktos Publications), 2012; *Ecclesiology and Nationalism* (in English, in the journal *St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 57: 3-4, 2013). 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*, etc. Since 2012, the Volos Academy for Theological Studies has also been active in self-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). Two additional books have been already published by the English department of the Volos Academy Publications: *Orthodox Perspectives on Ecumenical Theological education. The Ecumenical Movement in the Theological Education and in the Life of Orthodox Churches*, Edited by Gennadios of Sassima, Laurentiu of Adreal, Pavel Aurel, Daniel Buda (Volos Academy Publications, Volos 2014) and *Spirituality, Power and Revolution: Contemporary Monasticism in Communist Ethiopia*. Joachim G. Persoon with an Overview of the Orthodox Church During Communism by Vaclav Jezek (Volos Academy Publications, Volos 2014) and *The Dialogue between the Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Churches*, edited by Christine Chaillot (Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2016).

Furthermore since 2014, the Volos Academy, has entered a new and important phase of its publishing program, by the self-publication through its publishing House “Ekdotiki Dimitriadou/Volos Academy Publications” of various works (conference and seminars, public lectures and events), and also the publication of individual works of wider theological and intellectual relevance, by Greek and foreign authors. In this context the collective volume *Church and Eschatology* has been already re-published (2014), as well as the first book in Greek translation of the series “In Dialogue”: Jean Daniélou *Essay for the mystery of History* (Ekdotiki Dimitriadou/Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2014) while the Greek translation of Aristotle Papanikolaou’s book entitled *The Politics of Theosis. Orthodoxy meets democracy* is under publication in the same series. (Ekdotiki Dimitriadou / Volos Academy Publications, Volos 2016). In the book series “Theological Portraits” the first volume entitled *Panayotis N. Trembelas. Between Tradition and Renewal, Between Academia and Mission* (Ekdotiki Dimitriadou/Volos Academy Publications, Volos 2016) has been also released, while the collective volume *Personhood, Eucharist and the Kingdom of God in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective: Synaxis Eucharistias in Honor of Metropolitan John Zizioulas of Pergamon*, edited by Pantelis Kalaitzidis and Nikolaos Asproulis (Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2016) has been also recently published.

The Volos Academy for Theological Studies in cooperation with the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias, has established an online digital Orthodox theological library ([www.imdlibrary.gr](http://www.imdlibrary.gr)), with free access to books, scholarly reviews and periodicals, collected works, monographs and theological essays, with abstracts available in Greek, English and soon in French language, as well as 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](http://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 Theological 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. Finally, the Volos Academy for Theological Studies features a library/reading room, started its operation in January 2008. It is mainly intended for theologians - teachers, as well as special groups such as clergy, students, scholars and researchers. The collection consists of some 12.950 titles, and of 27.000 titles not yet catalogued or in the process of being catalogued. The electronic catalogue (OPAC) of the Volos Academy Library is available on line at (<http://www.imd.gr/biblia/menu.php>).







## RESEARCH CENTER

Due to the manifold contribution of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies to theology and widely to the scholarly research and culture, the Volos Academy for Theological Studies is included among the recognized Greek research centers by the Law 4310/2014 (“Research, Technological Development and Innovation and other provisions”) of the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs recently passed by the Greek Parliament.

This is a very important development for the Volos Academy for Theological Studies and an official recognition of its work by the state. This is a milestone in the course of its academic development, at the local, national and international levels. This recognition entrusts the Academy for Theological Studies with more responsibilities and new tasks for the development and international promotion of the scientific theological research being done in our country, and for the vibrant and creative witness of Orthodoxy in the modern world.

The Research Center of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies includes five specialized scientific and research departments which are soon expected to be transformed into research institutes. These departments are:

### **1) Department of Chanting Art and Musicology**

The Department of Chanting Art and Musicology was established by the decision (12 / 08.08.2013) of the Board of the Directors of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

The goals of the Department of Chanting Art and Musicology are the research, study, recording, preservation and promotion of Byzantine and post-Byzantine musical culture, particularly of the Ecclesiastical Chanting Art, as preserved in the living oral tradition of the clerics and cantors, and as it also extends till today through its direct and indirect sources (musical manuscripts, theoretical writings and studies, historical evidence, patristic and secular literature, etc). At the same time, the main concern of this Department is the recording and study of the local chanting tradition of Magnesia and the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias, through the collection, classification and study of the relevant sources and evidences. In order to achieve the above objectives, the



primary concern of the Department is the organization of a modern musical disk file, cassette, CDs, tapes and various audio recordings, photographs, residues, documents, manuscripts, and other sources for the research and study of Chanting Art in Magnesia, the Holy Metropolis of Demetrias, and beyond, and the establishment of a rich lending library of music and musicology.

In addition, the Department is willing to bring together, if possible, all the researchers, scientists and scientific institutions throughout the world, whose discipline or research interests are directly or indirectly related to the Chanting art, and create a global network of partnerships and interactions between them. Therefore, the Department seeks to cooperate and interact with the Institute of Byzantine Musicology of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, with the Chanting Art Programs of the University Ecclesiastical Academies, with the relevant Departments of the University Schools of Greece and abroad, with cultural organizations (Chanters Associations, Schools of Byzantine Music), etc. In this perspective, the organization of conferences, symposia, workshops, training and educational seminars and all kinds of artistic events on the Chanting Art, as well as the participation of members of the Department in international scientific fora, is self-evident. The Department's objectives also include training the staff to strengthen itself and the most complete realization of its objectives, as well as the publication of studies, doctoral theses, collective volumes, music collections, magazines, discs and other media, the construction and update of web sites and fields of communication and the dissemination of information or the results of these actions to any person or entity who may be interested.

The Director of the Chanting Art and Musicology Department was appointed by the above decision of the Board of Directors. Dr. Konstantinos Karagounis is an Assist. Professor of Byzantine Ecclesiastical Music at the Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens, Chanter and Choir Director, member of the Board of Directors of The Byzantine Musicology Institute of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece and former member of the Board of Directors of the Chanters Association of Volos "John Koukouzelis."

## **2) Department for the study of the manuscript tradition of the New Testament**

The Department for the study of the manuscript tradition of the New Testament was established by the decision (13/27.12.2013) of the Board the Directors of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies.

Its main purpose is the creation of a critical edition of the Byzantine text, used by the Eastern Orthodox Church as its liturgical text. Among its objectives are the finding, collecting, photographing, transcription and study of manuscripts (continuous text or

eklogadia) that preserve the Byzantine text type; the education and training of specialists in the criticism of the text; the organization of conferences and seminars; the critical editions of the New Testament text; and especially the re-publication of the Patriarchal edition of 1904 with improvements, corrections and the application in general of modern scientific methodology; the study and promotion of any form of interpretative commentary of the text of the New Testament in Byzantine manuscripts (liturgical manuscripts, catenae etc.); the participation in international fora; cooperation with related research institutions abroad; the publication of an electronic journal for the dissemination of the results of the research project; the construction and maintenance of a web page for the information of the international academic community; and cooperation with the Eastern Orthodox Churches for the re-publication and critical correction of the New Testament text in use (especially in modern eklogadia) by virtue of a research of the manuscript tradition.

This Department intends to a) fill a significant gap in research, since the related international research centers engage in other forms of textual tradition of the ancient Church (e.g. the Alexandrian text, scrolls, ancient Latin translations, etc.), having as its objective the closest approximation of the original text of the New Testament, and not the restoration of “living text” in the Byzantine tradition; b) investigate and highlight an important part of the tradition the ancient Church, which until now has not been sufficiently exploited; c) provide substantial services mainly to Greek-speaking Orthodox Churches by contributing to re-publication of the text of the New Testament used in their daily liturgical practice; and d) promote at an international scientific level the culturally invaluable and important heritage of the Greek manuscripts of the New Testament.

Directors of the Department were appointed by the above decision of the Board members the Volos Academy for Theological Studies:

(1) Christos Karakolis, Assoc. Professor of the New Testament, University of Athens, Member of the Editorial Committee of critical editions of the New Testament “Nestle-Aland” and “Greek New Testament,” member of the Committee of Scientific Publications of the German Bible Society, a member of the Steering Committee of the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* and vice President of the Committee for the development of the New Testament in Eastern Europe, member of the Advisory Board of the journal *Early Christianity*, of the *Colloquium Oecumenicum Paulinum* and *Colloquium Ioanneum*.

(2) Aikaterini Tsalampouni, Assist. Professor of New Testament at Thessaloniki Aristotle University, member of the Steering Committee of the European Association of Biblical Studies, member of the Board of Directors of the European Society of Women

in Theological Research, member of the Society of Biblical Literature, of the Colloquium Oecumenicum Paulinum and of the General Assembly of the Greek Bible Society.

### 3) Department of Canonical Theology

The Department of Canonical Theology was founded by the decision (14/25.08.2014) of the Board of Directors of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies.

The Department aims to investigate, study and highlight issues such as the genesis and origins of the Canons, the Canonical tradition, and the Canonical Hermeneutic.

Specifically, this three-fold research project will cover the following areas from the perspective of the study, research and life of the Church:

a) the wide range of the two millennia, with a clear focus on the Canonical Sources which emerged in the first millennium, the millennium of the Canons' genesis, with introductory and historical prolegomena, as well as textual issues and critical issues of the canonical texts, in order then to study the canonical extensions and its implications contained in the following two general research aspects.

b) Issues of Canonical Tradition of the Church as (for instance):

1. The history of the printed editions of the Holy Canons (16th-20th centuries)
2. The Canonical Collections: *The Rudder* and the *Rallis-Potlis Constitution* (19th cent.) of the Orthodox Church and the post-Byzantine Hermeneutic
3. The ecclesiology and administrative nature of the Holy Canons

c) Issues of Canonical Hermeneutic in modern times such as (for instance):

1. Modern Church-canonical issues
2. State, Orthodox Church and Religious Affairs in Greece / Europe / Ecumene
3. Canon Law and International Politics

The Director of the Department of Canonical Theology Fr. Gregorios Papathomas was appointed by the above decision of the Board the Directors of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies. He is a member of the Board of Directors, Professor of Theology, University of Athens and of the Institute of Orthodox Theology, "St. Sergius" Paris, President of the European Forum of Orthodox Theological Schools (EFOST), Dean of the Theological Seminary "St. Plato Tallinn" (Estonia), Member of the Editorial Board of the French Orthodox theological journals *Contacts* and *Le Messager Orthodoxe* (Paris) and the Estonian Orthodox journal *Usk Ja Elu* (Tallinn), Member of the Synodal Committee of the Inter-Orthodox and inter-Christian Relations, and Member of the Board of the Directors of The Inter-Orthodox Center of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece (Penteli).

#### 4) Department of Interreligious Studies

The Department of Interreligious Studies was established by the decision (14/25.08.2014) of the Board of the Directors of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies.

This Department studies the multifaceted religious phenomena in its modern diverse manifestations (focusing on the most familiar to the Greek area monotheistic religions of Judaism and Islam) by using the findings of the religious studies research as it has developed internationally.

The importance of the study of the religious phenomenon is evident because religion constitutes a fundamental aspect of the human existence itself, interwoven with its very identity, and because religion has been diachronically exploited by various sides, so that the commonly so-called “return of religion” to the public space is often painted in dark colors. At a time which seems more or less dominated by intolerance and violence, the dialogue between the different religious traditions in the context of a serious scientific investigation into the place of religion in the public space can foster not only mutual knowledge but also contribute to the harmonious and peaceful coexistence of different people and traditions in the modern pluralistic world. Besides the above, the purpose of this Department will be to build on the long experience of cohabitation of the three monotheistic religions in the Mediterranean region and to initiate actions and tables of dialogue towards the promotion of reconciliation in contexts of religious otherness.

The Director of the Department of the Interreligious Studies Dr. Angeliki Ziaka was appointed by the above decision of the Board of the Directors of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies and is a member of its Board, Assoc. Professor, Department of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, lecturer at the Department of Political Sciences of the same University and at the Department of History and Ethnology of, Democritus University, Visiting Professor at the University of Timisoara (Romania) and University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa, USA), member of the Scientific Committee for the Upgrading of the Religious Education of the teachers of Islam (Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs), a founding member and member of the Board of Directors of the *Scientific Association for Ibadism and Ibadi Studies*, a founding member and member of the Board of the Directors of the Scientific Society of Middle East Studies, and of the Board of the Editorial Consults of the Orthodox Theology Editorial Series «Doxa & Praxis: Exploring Orthodox Theology» (WCC Publications, Geneva).



## 5) Department of Research, Management and Concervation of Byzantine and post-Byzantine Monuments and Relics

This Department engages in the systematic study, recording, maintenance and exploitation of ecclesiastical monuments and relics (icons, wood carvings, manuscripts, miniature objects) both in the national as well as mainly in the local level.

The basic objectives of the current Department are the establishment of a specialized library for the promotion of research, the organization of a digital archive of recording of monuments-objects and digital photos, the museographical study and promotion of local collections of images-relics, the planning of cultural routes in the context of development of the religious tourism in the region, aiming to familiarize the local people with the Byzantine and post-Byzantine monuments of Magnesia, the undertaking of research and educational programs and the organization of scientific conferences in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture, the university community and local municipal and regional authorities.

The Director of the Department of the Research, Management and Conservation of Byzantine and post-Byzantine Monuments and Relics Mrs. Maria Nanou was appointed by the above decision of the Board the Directors of the Volos Academy. She has the following degrees: BA in Theology, University of Thessaloniki, MA in History of Byzantine Art, University of Sorbonne (Paris I-Panthéon-Sorbonne), PhD (cand.) at University of Thessaly.

The Volos Academy for Theological Studies examines the further expansion of its research areas and departments (Department of Philosophy and Patristic Theology, Ecumenical Theology, Theology and Psychological Sciences, Catechetical and Teaching of the Religious Subject etc.) in the future.



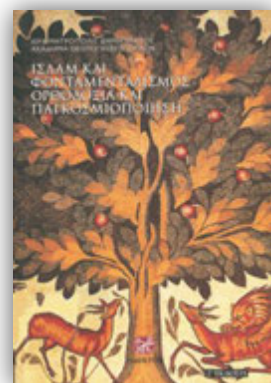
## **Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, Orthodox Theology in the Twenty-first Century**

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.



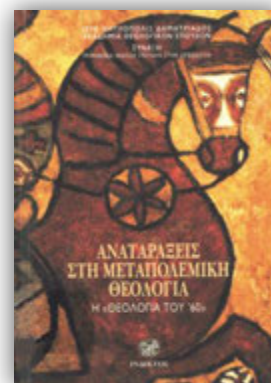
## **Gender and Religion- The Role of Women in the Church (Collected Work)**

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.

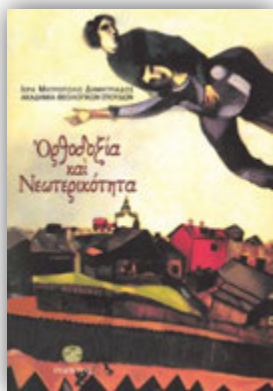


## **Turmoil in Post-war Theology: The ‘Theology of the 60s’ (Collected work)**

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.



## 1. Orthodox Christianity and Modernity (Collected Work)



## 2. Orthodox Christianity and Modernity: 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?



### “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.



### Religion and Literature

#### Issues of the Literary Journal *Nea Hestia*)

1st, 2nd, and 3rd part

March 2004, March 2005, and September 2009 respectively





## **Biblical Liberation Theology, Patristic Theology and the Ambivalences of Modernity in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective (Collected work)**

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.



### ***Many Women Were Also There...***

## ***The Participation of Orthodox Women in the Ecumenical Movement: Past, Present, Future WCC and Volos Academy Publications***

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.



## **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**

Traducere din neogreacă de Florin-Cătălin Ghiț, Prefață de Radu Preda, Colecția Universitas, Seria Theologia Socialis 9, Eikon, Cluj-Napoca, 2010.

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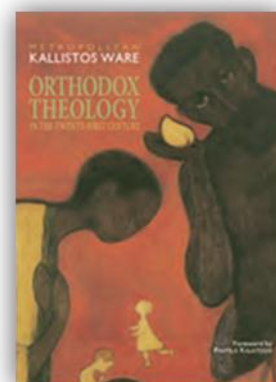


**Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, Orthodox Theology**  
**in the twenty-first Century**

*Foreword by Pantelis Kalaitzidis*

*“Doxa & 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.



**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. Tsalamponi, Robert O. Smith, Nora Cort, Tarek Mitri, Assaad Elias Kattan, Mary Mikhael, Pantelis Kalaitzidis), which highlight the issue’s theological and political challenges.



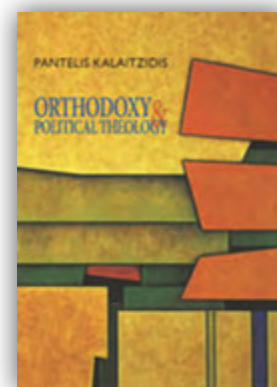
**Ecclesiology and Nationalism**  
*Special double issue of*  
**St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly**

The present (double) issue (57:3-4, 2013) of the well-known theological journal St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly, published by the St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary (Crestwood, NY), is dedicated to an International Conference that was held in Volos, Greece, between 24-27 of May 2012, and was organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, in cooperation with the Chair of Orthodox Theology at Munster University (Germany), the Center for Orthodox Christian Studies at Fordham University (NY, USA), the Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox, Inter- Confessional and Inter-Religious Studies (INTER, Cluj-Napoca, Romania), the Christian Cultural Centre (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 (EFOST, Brussels). Under the topic "Ecclesiology and Nationalism" the present volume includes 17 articles by eminent Orthodox theologians and historians, which study the relationship between Orthodoxy and Nationalism (as a result of the close relationship between Church and State, in most traditional Orthodox countries), the issue of ethnophyletism and its contribution to the formation of the national Churches, the emergence of the so-called "Diaspora, the issue of primacy, etc.



**Pantelis Kalaitzidis**  
**Orthodoxy and Political Theology**  
*"Doxa & 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.



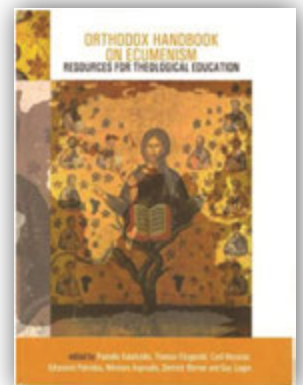
**Church and Eschatology (collective work)**  
**Volos Academy Publications, (2nd edition)**  
**Volos, 2014**

Identifying the Church with the “already,” the realized, and underestimating the eschatological dimension, the “not yet,” what has not yet realized, the vision of the coming Kingdom of God and the dynamic transformation and renovation of the universe is underestimated, for the sake of an ideological and a outdated understanding of Orthodoxy. With the re-publication of the volume “Church and Eschatology,” which contains the presentations of the first cycle of lectures of the same name organized by the Volos Academy for Theological Studies in Volos, during the academic year 2000-01, the Volos Academy by the “Volos Academy Publications” entering a new and important phase of its publishing program, with the self-publication of its projects (conference proceedings and seminars, public lectures and events), but also by publishing individual works of wider theological and intellectual interest, of both Greek and foreign authors and scholars.



**Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism:  
Resources for Theological Education**  
**Edited by Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Thomas Fitzgerald,  
Cyril Hovorun, Aikaterini Pekridou,  
Nikolaos Asproulis, Dietrich Werner and Guy Liagre,**  
**Volos/Geneva/Oxford: Volos Academy Publications/WCC  
Publications/Regnum Books International, 2014**

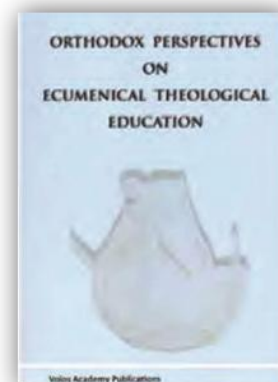
The Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism was initiated as a joint project of the Program on Ecumenical Theological Education of the World Council of Churches (ETE/WCC), the former Churches in Dialogue Commission of the Council of European Churches (CiD/CEC) and the Volos Academy for Theological Studies. It is an attempt to include both the fruit of the bilateral dialogues, as well as the achievements of the multilateral dialogue, and map the current Orthodox theological reflection around the world on different questions discussed in the ecumenical movement. Apart from the positive achievements, the Handbook attempts to also present the challenges posed to the Orthodox tradition, and the need for ecumenical theological education at present. The Handbook is divided in 8 sections, plus an appendix, while it is accompanied by a Digital Reader (CD-ROM) of Official Reference Texts (Patriarchal and Synodical Encyclicals, Letters, Pan-Orthodox Decisions etc.).



**Orthodox Perspectives  
on Ecumenical Theological Education:**

*The Ecumenical Movement in the Theological Education  
and in the Life of Orthodox Churches Edited by Gennadios of Sassima,  
Laurentiu of Adreal, Pavel Aurel, Daniel Buda,  
Volos Academy Publications, Volos 2014*

It is a collective volume in English, which contains the proceedings of the international conference entitled “The Ecumenical Movement in Theological Education and in the Life of the Orthodox Churches”. The conference took place from 9 to 12 November 2010 at the Theological Faculty of Sibiu, (Romania). Representatives from almost all the Orthodox Churches discuss how the ecumenical studies taught in individual Orthodox Churches and express their thoughts on the future of the ecumenical studies and the ecumenical perspective and witness of Orthodoxy.



**Spirituality, Power and Revolution: Contemporary  
Monasticism in Communist Ethiopia**

*by Joachim G. Persoon, With an Overview of the Orthodox Church during  
Communism, by Vaclav Jezek - Volos Academy Publications, 2014*

The present publication consists of two independent parts. The first and primary part is the work of Joachim G. Persoon, which deals with Communism in Ethiopia and its relation to the Ethiopian Tewahedo Orthodox Church. The second part was written as a kind of broader introduction to Persoon’s book, and which serves the reader to contextualise the Orthodox Church within Communism and Communist ideology generally. It also offers insights into the dynamics which determined the interaction between the Orthodox Church and Communism in various countries of the Soviet bloc and elsewhere.

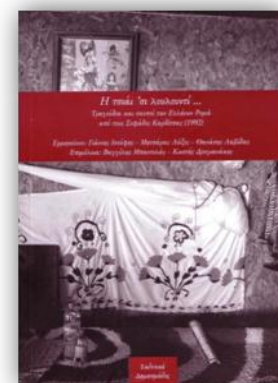


**“The bride is a flower ...”**

**Performed by: Yiannis Isoufis, Mitsaras Lazos,  
Thanassis Lavidas**

*Edited by: Vaggelis Bandelas, Costis Drygianakis  
(book with CD) Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2015*

Metropolis of Demetrias is deeply concerned about the problems of the gipsy youth of the region. In the framework of supporting their creativity, the above publication aims to publicize some lesser known aspects of the musical culture of Roma people, highlighting the diversity of the folk culture of contemporary Greece and thus promoting the mutual respect of the various communities. The CD consists of recordings made more than 20 years in the town of Sofades, capturing a repertory that gradually falls into oblivion and setting questions on notions as tradition, personal creativity, orality and modernity.





## **Hymns of the Passion and the Resurrection from churches of Eastern Thessaly, Greece**

*Edited by: Costis Drygianakis, Konstantinos Ch. Karagounis  
(book with 2 CDs) (under English publication)  
Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2014*

This publication consists of hymns, recorded in 50 churches and monasteries of the above region. Focusing on the periphery, it aims to bring out of invisibility the lesser known chanters. Thus, it makes a first step towards a deeper knowledge of the generally ignored folk stratum of Orthodox chanting; a stratum which has barely been studied in detail, in spite of the fact that it is frequently referred to as the corner stone of the Byzantine tradition. It also aims to shed some light to the aesthetics of worship, which has similarly been left out of the discussion during the last two centuries, when the researchers of Byzantine music sought for it a place in the modern world.



## **“Oh, my Poor, poorest Skopelos...”**

*Edited by: Costis Drygianakis (book with CD)  
Volos Academy Publications, Volos 2016*

This publication includes the field recordings of the famous musicologist Markos F. Dragoumis in Skopelos, 1967, made on behalf of the Musical Folklore Archives of Melpo Merlie. The publication consists of one CD and a 96-page book, with introductory notes by Markos Dragoumis, Costis Drygianakis and Christos G. Kalantzis, and photographic material covering the range from the epoch of the recording until the present. Besides the few instrumental tunes, the CD includes unaccompanied dancing and wedding songs, lullabies, carols, songs for the Halloween etc., which reveal the local particularities of Skopelos, as well as the relations of the island with the main urban centers.



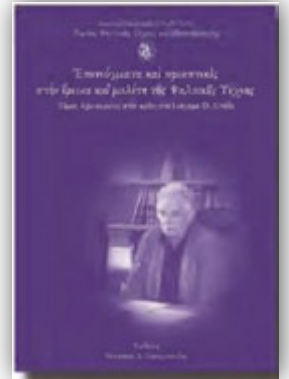
**Achievements and perspectives in the research  
of the art of Byzantine Chanting.**

**Dedicated to professor Gregory Th. Stathis**

*Edited by: Konstantinos Ch. Karagounis*

*Nektarios Panagopoulos Publications, Athens, 2014*

Proceedings of the Conference held in Volos, Greece, February 2012, in honor of Professor Gr. Stathis. Focusing on his activity as a researcher and as a teacher, the texts offered here trace the deeds but also sketch the possibilities that emerge today in the research of the Byzantine tradition of chanting, covering topics as theology, paleography, anthropology, liturgical theology etc. The book includes also the presentation of his composition *The Ladder of virtues*, based on texts of the book with the same name by St. John of Sinai.



**Jean Daniélou, Essay on the Mystery of History**

*Transl. Xenophon Komninou, Introduction Nikolaos Asproulis,*

*Series «In Dialogue - 1»,*

*Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2014*

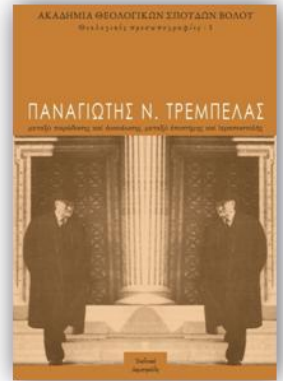
The *Essay on the mystery of History* by Jean Daniélou is one of the most successful attempts of modern Roman Catholic theology to come to a fruitful dialogue with the surrounding reality of its era, proposing a coherent vision about the meaning of history which begins from and is based on the Christ-event. Despite the fact that it was written a long time ago (1953), this book is still quite relevant for contemporary Orthodox theology, both for its presuppositions (especially for them), and its diverse theses, to the extent that the latter always seemed to face with serious suspicion the bold historic interest and commitment of Western Christianity.



**Panayiotis N. Trembelas:**  
**Between Tradition and Renewal,**  
**Between Academia and Mission**

*Edited by Nikolaos Asproulis,*  
*«Theological Portraits-1»,*  
*Volos Academy Publications, Volos 2016*

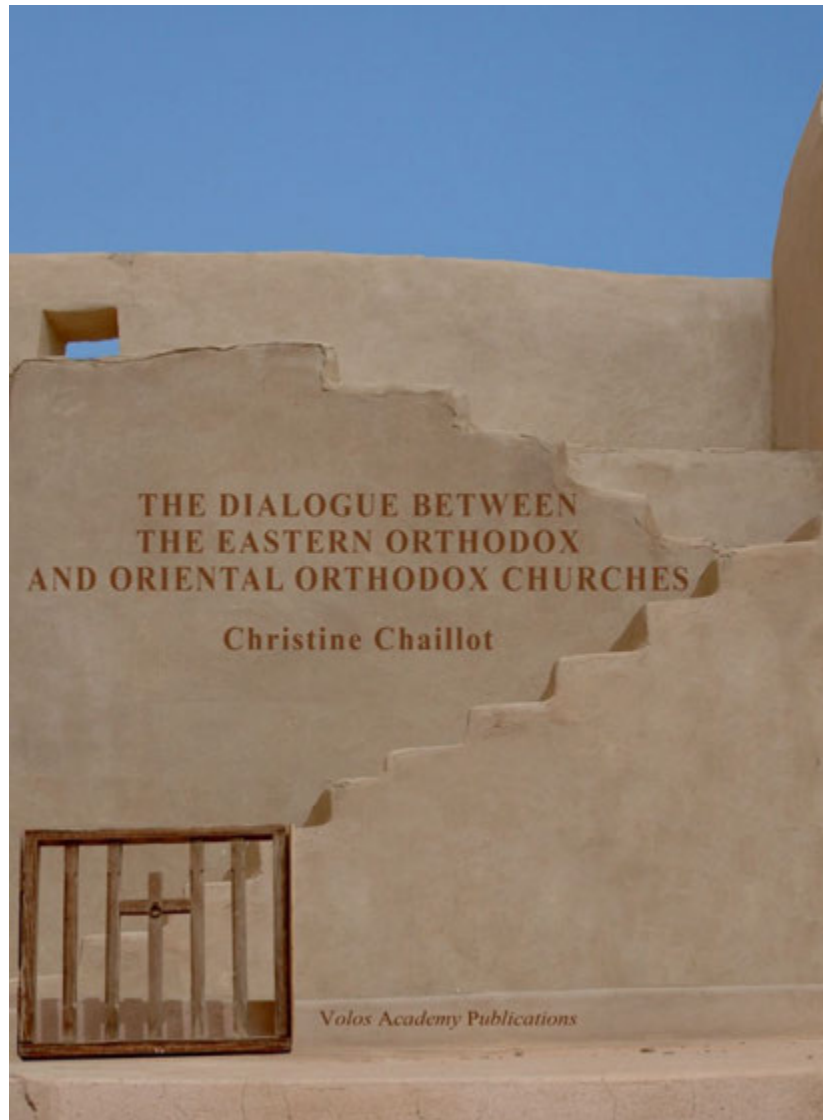
By the book series «Theological Portraits» the Volos Academy for Theological Studies aspires critically to run the most important milestones of Modern Greek theology, as it is reflected in the multilateral contribution of various eminent personalities. In this context, and after thirty years since the death of the well-known “lion of Orthodoxy” P. N. Trembelas, a first sober and mature attempt is made with this collective volume, towards an evaluation and assessment of various aspects of his thought and personality, by reflecting on critical questions related to issues such as biblical hermeneutics, liturgical renaissance, dogmatic theology, etc.



**Aristotle Papanikolaou**  
**The Politics of Theosis:**  
**Orthodoxy meets Democracy**  
*Introduction: Pantelis Kalaitzidis,*  
*Translation: Nikolaos Asproulis,*  
*Series «In Dialogue - 2»,*  
*Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2016*

In this book, after detecting elements of political theology in the tradition and the history of the Church (from Eusebius to modern times), the author explores by virtue of the Orthodox tradition, as it is interpreted in the context of Eucharistic ecclesiology and theology of personhood, through the concept of *theosis*, or divine-human communion, the nature of liberal democracy, human rights, political forgiveness. In this perspective he proposes a politics of *theosis* which means nothing less than knowing how to love according to God's way, without running away from the world but in the midst of everyday life.





**The Dialogue between the Eastern Orthodox  
and Oriental Orthodox Churches**

*Ed. Christine Chaillot, Volos Academy Publications, 2016*

The main purpose of the book is to serve as a basis for reflection on the dialogue between the Eastern Orthodox and the Oriental Orthodox Churches (of the Coptic, Armenian, Ethiopian and Syriac Tradition) with unofficial dialogue since 1964 and official dialogue since 1985. As it well know the breach began with the theological controversy concerning the relation between human and divine natures in Christ centred on the expression “two natures in one Person” a new Christological formula adopted at the Council of Chalcedon (451). This dialogue should become widely known and understood not only by theologians and scholars but also by ordinary people. Another aim of the book is to enhance the knowledge of this dialogue in all Churches for their own bilateral ecumenical dialogues with the Oriental Orthodox Churches.



Πρόσωπο,  
Εὐχαριστία  
καὶ Βασιλεία τοῦ Θεοῦ  
σὲ ὀρθόδοξη καὶ οἰκουμενικὴ προοπτικὴ

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*Ἐκδόσεις  
Διοκλειδῆς*

**Personhood, Eucharist and the Kingdom of God  
in Orthodox and Ecumenical Perspective:  
Synaxis Eucharistias in Honor of  
Metropolitan John Zizioulas of Pergamon**  
*Edited by Pantelis Kalaitzidis and Nikolaos Asproulis*  
*Volos Academy Publications, Volos, 2016*

As one of the most important representatives of the theological generation of '60, who enjoys universal ecclesiastical and academic recognition, Metropolitan John (Zizioulas) of Pergamon occupies for decades the inter-Christian academic-theological discussion, as well as the universal official dialogue between the Churches. With his multifaceted work he have provoked fruitful reflection on the essential issues of theological discussion and church life, opening at the same time contemporary Orthodox theology to a creative dialogue with modern culture, beyond confessional and defensive preconceptions and without the fear of any otherness. This collective volume contains the proceedings of the conference held in Volos on 28-30 October 2011, on the occasion of the reception of His Eminence as a Honorary Fellow of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies. Without compromising the necessary critical function, which must always be inherent in theology, this volume attempts to express the aspect of indebtedness through a careful study of various aspects of Zizioulas's theological program.

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