



ORTHODOX ACADEMIC SOCIETY

BY THE ANTIOCHIAN HOUSE OF STUDIES

2024 Winter Symposium

Join us on Zoom, Saturday, January 27, 2024
(12 PM-3:30 ET/ 9 AM-12:30 PT)

Welcome

Moderator, OAS Coordinator Deacon Simeon Spencer

Opening Prayer

Introduction

AHOS President Fr. Michel Najim
AHOS Dean Fr. Fadi Rabbat

Presentations

Each presenter will have 15 minutes, followed by 10 minute Q&A.

Peter Lee, PhD Student

The Symbolic Unity of Theurgia and Hierurgia in the Dionysian Liturgy

An analysis of Dionysius' commentary on the liturgy and the Eucharist under the Syriac notion of symbol.

R. Joseph Bussard, PhD Student

St. Gregory the Sinaite: A 14th Century Mystagogue and True Teacher on the Incarnation of Christ The Word - Θεός Λόγος in the Human Heart of Man

A presentation of the theological synthesis found in St. Gregory, which unites many of the deep Christian mysteries into an approachable understanding.

Nicholas Szabo, PhD Student

Who Am I and How Should I Live? Christianity in Twenty Words

A presentation of ways to deliver the Orthodox Christian message quickly and succinctly to all demographics, inspired by work in a homeless shelter.



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Maximus Sauskojus, MTS Graduate

The Orthodox Church's Approach to Mental Health

An exploration of how the Orthodox Christian life addresses the interrelationship between mental and spiritual health.

Kathleen McKinnon, MPCC Student

Healing in the Family: The Ethics of Becoming a Healing Presence to Your Relatives

An examination of ethical issues that arise when caring for members of one's family.

Br. John-Marmion Villa, MPCC Student

Forming Monks and Fostering Fraternity in the Rule of St. Benedict

How the ancient wisdom of the Rule of St. Benedict can be applied in modern contexts, offering practical preventative and therapeutic suggestions to improve the vibrancy of life for monastic communities.

Laura Wilson, PhD Candidate

The "Priestly Schema of the Diaconate" in the Vitae of St. Domnika

An analysis of the theological meaning of the ordination of deaconesses in the Constantinopolitan tradition through the hagiography of St. Domnika.

Closing Prayer

30 MINUTE STAY AND MINGLE



The Orthodox Academic Society (OAS) fosters and enhances an active academic theological community among AHOS students, faculty, alumni, and scholars at-large whose research and interests are aligned with the Orthodox Christian Tradition. OAS intends to offer Fall and Spring Symposia each year, and the presentations will be published in an annual journal.

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