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UNDERSTANDING ORTHODOX SPIRITUALITY

Conference Program

Friday, November 30

I. Talks at Theological Department (Černá 9, 115 55 Prague 1)

9:00-9.15 Prayer

Conference Welcome Speech: Revving up Orthodox Research

1st Session: Holy Fathers on the Life in the Holy Spirit

Chair: Kyrylo Dubrovsky

1. 9.15-9.30 Dr. Nikos Kouremenos

Athanasius' Letter to Virgins: The Interpretation of the Song of Songs in the Service of Spiritual Perfection

2. 9:40-9:55 Dr. Zurab Jashi

The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit according to Gregory of Nazianzus

3. 10:05-10:20 Dr. Eirini Artemi

The donations of the Holy Spirit in the Pneumatology of Cyril of Alexandria

4. 10:30-10:44: Dr. Dionysios Skliris

The Pneumatology of Saint Maximus the Confessor

10:55-11:10 Coffee/Tea

2st Session: Exploring the Driving Forces of Spiritual Life
Chair: Mihai Iahym

1. 11:10-11:25 Dr. Sotiris Mitralaxis

Why There can be no "Orthodox Spirituality"

2. 11:35-11:50 Dr. Olga Sevastyanova

Human Spirituality as Led by the Holy Spirit

3. 12:00-12:15 Dr. Niki Tsironi

Emotion and the Senses in Byzantine Tradition: The Epiclesis of St. Symeon the New Theologian to the Holy Spirit

4. 12:25-12:40 Slaviša Kostić

Spiritual Presence in Paul Tillich and in Eastern Orthodox Ascetism

5. 12:45-12:50 Father Andrei Dosoftei

"O, Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth"

13:00-14:00 Lunch

3rd Session A: Contouring Christian Authenticity of the Spiritual Life: Spirituality and Comparative Anthropology
Chair: Valentine Druart

14.30-14.45 Father Stephen C. Headley

Comparative Anthropology of Prayer

14.55-15.10 Emil M. Marginean

Orthodox Spiritual Life and Eastern Meditation in the Writings of Archimandrite Sophrony Sakharov

15.20-15.35 Ana Novakovic

Orthodox Spirituality and Positive Psychology Concept of Well-being

15.45-16.00 Natalia Munataeva

Representing Ourselves through Discussing Others: Values of Truth and Knowledge in Orthodox Discourses of Buddhism

3rd session B: Spirituality and Personhood

Chair: Pavlo Sabara

14.30-14.45 Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis

Personhood as “Glocal Citizenship”: Towards a Spirituality of the Secular age – An Orthodox reflection

14.55-15.10 Father George Zavershinsky

Aesthetics of Dialogue: Kandinsky and Buber

15.20-15.35 Camelia Isaic

Nicolae Steinhardt’s Spirituality of Resistance as a Political Prisoner

15.45-16.00 Dr. Stefan Zeljkovic

The Contribution of St. Sava to the Development of Serbian Orthodox Spirituality

16.10-16:30 Coffee/Tea

II. Evening at Jabok College Library (Salmovská 1538/8, 120 00 Prague 2)

17:15-18.00 Icon Exhibition visit

18:00-18.45 Public Lecture by Dr. Ivana Noble: Can Icons be painted in a Western Key?

18.45-19.15 Discussion

19.15-20.00 Orthodox Vespers at the Jaboc College Chapel

20.00 Dinner

Saturday 1 December

9:00-9.20 Jesus prayer

5th session: Life in the Spirit as a Living Practice: Orthodox Church Towards the World

Chair: Dr. Viorel Coman

1. 9.30-9.45 Dr. Dimitrios Keramidas

Orthodox Spirituality and Church Mission. The Kingdom “inside” or “among” us?

2. 9.55-10.10 Dr. Krastu Banev

Invocation of the Holy Spirit and Reconciliation in St John Chrysostom

3. 10.20-10.35 Dr. Hadje Cresencio Sadje

Karl Gaspar’s Transformative Spirituality: Rediscovering the Pre-Colonial Philippine Spiritualities and its Challenge to the Contemporary Filipino Pentecostal Spirituality/ies

4. 10.45-11.00 Dr. Guram Lursmanashvili

“On the Day of Pentecost the Spirit descends on the Apostles”: The Sacrament of Pentecost according to Georges Florovsky

5. 11.05-11.20 Andrej Strocau

Historical and Theological Context of Pšerov Congress

6. 11.20-11.35 Dr. Petre Maican

On the Importance Staniloae's Approach to Filioque for a more Inclusive Theology of Disability

11.40-12.00 Coffee/Tea

12.00-13.00 Panel discussion – Dr. Krasu Banev, Dr. Nikoalus Asproulis, Dr. Sotiris Mitralaxis

Definition and Challenges of Orthodox Spirituality

13.15 -14.30 Lunch

14.30-18.30 Guided walk through places inhabited by Russian Orthodox emigrants in 1920s led by Kateřina Kočandrlé Bauerová, followed by the vespers in one of the local churches

Sunday 2 December

9.30am Liturgy at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Cathedral (Resslova 9a street, Prague 2) followed by communal meal and a group brainstorming regarding the activities ahead

Free time to visit the old centre of Prague