

Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University

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The Church in the Early Centuries

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Tuesday, 26 of September

Moderator

A. P. Zachariou

Opening Session

10:45-11:10 Greetings
Akaki Chelidze,
Rector, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University

Dimitry Gegenava
Vice Rector of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University

1st Session

11:10-11:30 *The Byzantine-Persian peace treaty of 409 and its consequences for the Christians of the Persian Empire*

Ioannis Panagiotopoulos

Assoc. Prof. in the Department of Theology, Faculty of Theology,
University of Athens

11:30-11:50 *The mystagogic catechisms of the Church of Jerusalem through the manuscript baptismal sources of Palestine (4th century - 5th century)*

Photios Apostolos

Assist. Prof. in the Department of Theology, Faculty of Theology,
University of Athens

11:50-12:10 *The limits of patristic authority: the case of Dionysius of Alexandria*
Andreas P. Zachariou
Assist. Prof. in the Faculty of Theology at Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi)

12:10-12:40 **Discussion**

12:40-13:00 **Coffee Break**

2st Session

13:00-13:20 *How Christianity changed the living conditions of women in the first centuries*
Teimuraz Buadze
Prof. in the Faculty of Theology at Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University, Tbilisi

13:20-13:40 *Canonical status of the Church of Georgia in the first millenium*
Gocha Barnovi,
Prof., Dean in the Faculty of Theology at Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University, Tbilisi

13:40-14:00 **Discussion**

14:00-15:00 **Lunch**

3rd Session

Presentations via Zoom

15:00-15:20 *The economy of gift: The eucharistic nature of almsgiving in the Church according to John Chrysostom*
Alessia Brombin
Assoc. Prof. in the Faculty of Theology at Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi), Lecturer at the Pontifical University of Saint Crux (Rome), Assist. Prof. at the Pontifical University of St. Bonaventure 'Seraphicum' (Rome), Visiting Prof. at the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm in Rome and the Pontifical Theological Faculty Teresianum in Rome

15:20-15:40 *Image and likeness of God in the Fathers of the first centuries*
Fr Alexandros Chouliaras
Teaching at the Department of Social Theology & the Study of Religion, Faculty of Theology, University of Athens

15:40-16:00 **Discussion**

Wednesday, 27 of September

Moderator

Guram Lursmanashvili

Presentations via Zoom

4th Session

- 10:40–11:00 *Gregory of Khandzta and his importance for the Orthodox Church of Georgia*
Guram Lursmanashvili
Lecturer in the Faculty of Theology at Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University, Tbilisi
- 11:00-11:20 *The nature and actions of the divine Persons of the Holy Trinity during the teaching of Cyril of Alexandria and Isidore Pelousiotis*
Eirini Artemi
Prof. at the Israel Institute of Biblical Studies of Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Adjunct Professor at Hellenic Open University
- 11:20-11:40 *Praying in late Byzantium: Philotheos Kokkinos's euchai diaphoroi*
Mihail Mitrea
Lecturer in Byzantine studies, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Babeş-Bolyai University
- 11:40-12:00 *The Cult of the Holy Relics according to St John Chrysostom*
Spyridon P. Panagopoulos
PhD in Philosophy, University of Patras
- 12:00-12:30 **Discussion**

12:30-13:00 **Coffee Break**

5th Session

13:00-13:20 *The Holy Spirit as a fellow minister of Christ in the divine economy according to St Epiphanius of Constantia*

Theocharis S. Papavissarion

PhD in Theology, University of Athens

13:20-13:40 *Gender relations in early Christianity*

Theoni Boura

PhD Candidate at the University of Athens in Education and Training

13:40-14:00 *"The upbringing of children" in Plutarch's and John Chrysostom's pedagogical thought*

Aglaia Nikolopoulou

PhD candidate of the Department of Administrative Science and Technology at the University of Patras

14:00-14:20 **Discussion**

14:20-14:40 **Conference conclusions - closing remarks**

15:00-16:00 **Lunch**