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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,

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Dimitry Gegenava

Vice Rector of Sulkhani-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 Sulkhani-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

4th Session

Presentations via Zoom

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

Presentations via Zoom

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
