



NICAEA 1700

International Conference

**The Council of Nicaea:
The Unity of the Church and Georgia**

October 1st 2025

Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University
3 K.Kutateladze street, 0186 Tbilisi, Georgia



9:30

Registration

10:00 – 10:30

Welcoming Speech

Fr. Akaki Chelidze, Rector of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University

Bishop Giuseppe Pasotto, Apostolic Administrator of Latin Catholics of Georgia, Founder of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University

H.E. Msgr. Ante Jozić, Apostolic Nuncio to Georgia

Prof. Archil Metreveli, Director of the Institute of Religious Freedom at the University of Georgia

10:30 – 11:45

First Session

Cristina Simonelli, Facoltà teologica Italia Settentrionale (Milano, Italy)

For us and for our salvation: soteriological instances of Nicene challenge

Vaja Vardidze, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

The Significance of the Council for Theological Doctrine

Alessia Brombin, The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (Rome, Italy) (online)
Ecclesiastical Context and living faith in modern creed analysis: Lossky and L'Huillier's Vision

Andrzej Megger, The John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin (Lublin, Poland) (online)

The Passover of Christ as the Passover of the Church. Easter in a theological and liturgical context

Moderator: Archil Metreveli

11:45 – 12:15

Coffee Break

12:15 – 13:45

Second Session

Joby Jose Kochumuttom, Dharmaram Pontifical Atheneum & Christ University (India) (Online)

Nicaea and Theological Development in Context

Tamar Grdzeldze, Ilia State University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

The unifying and dividing lines of the First Council of Nicaea

Teimuraz Buadze, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

The Issue of Consubstantiality at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea

Giorgi Pareshishvili, Caucasus International University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

The diplomatic precedent of the Council of Nicaea and its impact on modern international relations

Gocha Barnovi, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Canonical Peculiarities of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea

Moderator: Vaja Vardidze



13:45 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:00

Third Session

F. Gabriele Bragantini, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

An analysis of the presentations delivered at the conference in Rimini by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I and His Eminence Cardinal Kurt Koch, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity

Andrea Zakhariou, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi, Georgia) (online)

Arius' conception of the Son as reflected in his Epistles to Eusebius of Nicomedia and to Alexander of Alexandria

Guram Lursmanashvili, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi, Georgia) (online)

George Florovsky and the Aryan Disputes

Irma Talakhadze, Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

The Religious Situation in Egrisi in the First Half of the 4th Century

Beka Chichinadze, Institute of Theology and Philosophy at the Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University, (Tbilisi, Georgia) (online)

Constantine the Great and the conversion of Kartli.

Moderator: Gocha Barnovi
