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**THE PATRISTIC TRADITION
TODAY**

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**THE RECEPTION
OF THE CHURCH FATHERS
IN MODERN THOUGHT**

IAȘI, 15-18 SEPTEMBER 2026

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM

PARTNER: ST. DUMITRU STĂNILOAE FACULTY OF ORTHODOX THEOLOGY
(ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA UNIVERSITY OF IAȘI)

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

PRE-CONFERENCE ONLINE SESSION

17:30-20:45 (Bucharest time)

Moderator: DRAGOȘ MÎRȘANU

17:30-17:35

Welcome

17:35-18:00

DAVID MICHELSON, *The Fathers in a New Millenium:
A Survey of American Scholarship on Early Christianity, A.D. 2000-2025*

18:00-18:25

ANA PETRACHE, *Is There a Political Theology Behind
the Neo-Patristic Project's Return to the Fathers?*

18:25-18:50

CRISTIAN SONEA, *Receiving the Receivers: Cyril and Methodius
as a Patristic Missionary Model and Its Reception in Modern Orthodox Missiology*

18:50-19:15

DRAGOȘ ANDREI GIULEA, *Theology and Being after Heidegger and Marion.
An Orthodox Reassessment through Patristic Tradition*

19:15-19:30

Short Break

19:30-19:55

BOGDAN TĂTARU-CAZABAN, *La pensée de saint Grégoire de Nysse
dans l'eschatologie universelle de saint Dumitru Stăniloae*

19:55-20:20

PICU NELU OCOLEANU, *Goticul ca materializare artistică a teologiei areopagitice
în gândirea estetică a lui Erwin Panofsky (1892-1968)*

20:20-20:45

ADRIAN MARINESCU, *Ratio patristica.
Tendințe în discursul patristic ortodox premodern (1054-1453)*

THURSDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2026

St. George's Church (The Old Metropolitan Cathedral)

06:30-08:00

Divine Liturgy

08:30-09:30

Breakfast (St. Nicholas Guesthouse)

OPENING SESSION

Metropolitan Museum, Ecclesia Hall

10:00-10:40

Welcome Speeches

CONFERENCE I

10:40-11:40

ANDREW LOUTH

The Reception of St Maximos the Confessor in the Twentieth Century

11:40-12:00

Coffee Break

CONFERENCE II

12:00-13:00

JOHN BEHR

Synthesis or Symphony: Reading the Fathers in the Twenty-First Century

BOOK LAUNCH

13:00-13:10

The First Council of Nicaea (325): Contexts, Debates, and Reception,
ed. DRAGOȘ MÎRȘANU and DRAGOȘ BAHRIM, TPA-PTT 4 (Iași: Doxologia, 2025)

13:10-16:00

Break (lunch, 13:30, St. Sabbas Church)

PANEL SESSION

16:00-18:50

Moderator: OCTAVIAN GORDON

16:00-16:25

ALEXANDRU MIHĂILĂ, *Patristic Exegesis
in Orthodox Biblical Studies: Between Limitation and Openness*

16:25-16:50

PETRU MOLODEȚ, *Reclaiming the Limits of Interpretation:
Saint Irenaeus of Lyons and Umberto Eco confronting the Challenge of Textual Drift
in Valentinianism and Derridean Deconstruction*

16:50-17:10

Coffee Break

Moderator: ALEXANDRU MIHĂILĂ

17:10-17:35

MARINA VRACIU, *'Through Faith We Understand...':
A Very Brief Introduction to Aleksey Losev*

17:35-18:00

DRAGOȘ MÎRȘANU, *The Authority of the Fathers and the Appeal
to Early Christianity in the Trinitarian Disputes of Seventeenth-Century England*

18:00-18:25

HRISOSTOM RĂDĂȘANU, *A Window as an Eikon: Saint Basil the Great,
Anca Vasiliu and the Frame of the Unseen*

18:25-18:50

ADRIAN-SORIN MIHALACHE, *Patristic Theology, Cosmology,
and the Neurosciences: Six Themes, Some Theological Meanings,
and Possible Convergences with Recent Findings in Scientific Research*

19:30

Dinner (St. Nicholas Guesthouse)

FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2026

CONFERENCE III

09:30-10:30

LEWIS AYRES

We Have Received the True Faith: Further Reflections on Patristic Theology Today

10:30-10:50

Coffee Break

CONFERENCE IV

10:50-11:50

BOGDAN G. BUCUR

*The Macarian Homilies on the Continuum of Saintly Experience:
Challenges and Opportunities for Orthodox Theology*

ROUND TABLE

11:50-13:10

THE AUTHORITY OF THE FATHERS TODAY

With: LEWIS AYRES, JOHN BEHR, BOGDAN G. BUCUR, ANDREW LOUTH

Moderator: DRAGOȘ MÎRȘANU

13:10-16:00

Break (lunch, 13:30, St. Nicholas Guesthouse)

PANEL SESSION

16:00-19:20

Moderator: PAUL SILADI

16:00-16:25

IOAN ALEXANDRU TOFAN, *Interpretarea icoanei la Marin Tarangul.
Despre valorificarea critică a surselor patristice*

16:25-16:50

CRISTIAN MOISUC, *Controverse janseniste și controverse carteziene. Receptarea Părinților în secolul al XVII-lea*

16:50-17:15

FLORIN CRÎȘMĂREANU, *Între absență explicită și influență implicită: o reevaluare a influenței lui Maxim Mărturisitorul în opera lui Jean-Luc Marion*

17:15-17:35

Coffee Break

Moderator: FLORIN CRÎȘMĂREANU

17:35-18:00

CIPRIAN COSTIN APINTILESEI, *Persoana ca „eu ipostatic” și „conciliar”: articularea ontologiei patristice și a relaționalității eului modern în personalismul lui Serghei Bulgakov*

18:00-18:25

OCTAVIAN GORDON, *Dimensiunea filologică a operei hrisostomice în viziunea teologului Stylianos Papadopoulos*

18:25-18:50

PAUL SILADI, *„Monahismul interiorizat”. Recepții contemporane ale părinților deșertului*

18:50-19:15

CIPRIAN-IULIAN TOROCZKAI, *Mișcarea neopatristică ortodoxă în secolul al XX-lea: între reînnoirea Tradiției și limitele teologiei contemporane*

CLOSING REMARKS

19:15-19:20

19:30 Dinner (St. Nicholas Guesthouse)