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Monday 21 May 2018:

Official Opening of the Conference

Presentation of Program: Prof. Dimitra Koukoura

18.00- 19.00
Saint George Church (Rotunda)
Welcome
Concert of Byzantine music
Association «Romanos the Melodist», under the Direction of
Panagiotis Neochoritis, Archon Protopsaltis of the Great
Church of Christ

19.30-20.30
Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)
1. Message : His All Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch
   Bartholomew
2. Greetings of Academic, Ecclesiastical and Civil
   Authorities

20.30- 22.00
Garden of the Faculty of Philosophy
Reception
Tuesday 22 May 2018:
Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)
09:30-13:00
Plenary Morning Sessions

1st Session
09.30 - 11.00

Chair: H.E. Metropolitan of Miletos Apostolos – Prof. Symeon Paschalidis

09.30-09.50 H.B. Archbishop of Albania
Em. Prof. Anastasios,
«The Rekindling of Mission on new Frontiers and the Holy and Great Council»

09.50-10.10 H.E. Metropolitan of Târgovişte Prof. Nifon,
«The Mission of the Church in the Contemporary World in the Light of the Decisions of the
Great and Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church»

10.10-10.30 V. Rev. Prof. Porphyrios Georgi,
«Theology as Love of Beauty: The Witness of the
Church Fathers in the 21st Century»

10.30-11.00 Discussion
11.00-11.30 Coffee break
Tuesday 22 May 2018:
Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)

2nd Session
11.30-13.00

Chair: Rev. Prof. Vasileios Kalliakmanis – Rev. Dr John Chryssavgis

11.30 -11.50 H.E. Archbishop Geron of America
Em. Prof. Demetrios,
«Orthodox Diaspora: Perspectives following the Holy and Great Council of Crete»

11.50-12.10 H.E. Metropolitan of Monte Negro
Em. Prof. Amphilohije,
«The Participation of the Orthodox Serbian Church in the Holy and Great Council of the catholic Orthodox Church»

12.10-12.30 Sister Dr Vassa Larin,
«The Mystery vs. the History of the Churche’s ‘Oneness’»

12.30-13.00 Discussion

13.30-14.30 Lunch
Faculty of Theology (4th floor)
Tuesday 22 May 2018:
Evening Parallel Sessions
Faculty of Theology
17.00-20.30
Amphitheaters A, B, C, D and Classroom A.

Session A
17.00 - 19.00

Amphitheater A

Chair: Prof. Ekaterini Tsalampouni
17.00-17.15 Dagmar Heller Prof.,
The relations of the Orthodox Church with non-orthodox Christians according to the Holy and Great Council. A Protestant Perspective
17.15-17.30 Elizabeth Prodromou Prof.,
«From the 2016 Council of Crete to an Orthodox Theology of Global Engagement: Transfiguring the World as a Global Church»
17.30-17.45 Cyril Hvorun Rev. Prof.,
«The Response of Russian Church to the Pan-Orthodox Synod» (GR)
17.45-18.30 Discussion
18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater B

Chair: Rev. Prof. Athanasios Gikas
17.00-17.15 Philip Zymaris Rev. Prof.,
«Evolution and Variety in Fasting Rules in the Orthodox Church»
17.15-17.30 Despina Prassas Prof.,
«Orthodoxy in the Diaspora: Ecumenical Marriages, Divided Families»
17.30-17.45 **AthanasiOS Stogiannidis Prof.**, «The Ecumenical Witness of the Orthodox Church for the Formation and Education of Youth» (GR)
17.45-18.30 Discussion,
18.30-19.00 Coffee break

**Amphitheater C**

Chair: **Prof. Vassilios Koukoussas**

17.00-17.15 **Sergei Brun Dr,** «The Infrastructure of Conciliarity. The Mathematical and Material Challenge of Contemporary Orthodox Ecclesiology»

17.15-17.30 **Svetoslav Ribolov Prof.**, «The Holy and Great Council and Orthodox Neo-Conservatism» (GR)

17.30-17.45 **James Wiegel M.A.**, «Gregory of Nyssa and the Prayer of Metropolitan Timotheos – Terms for sexual Difference in Orthodox Theology»

17.45-18.30 Discussion
18.30-19.00 Coffee break

**Amphitheater D**

Chair: **Prof. Nikolaos Maggioros**

17.00-17.15 **Maximos Metropolitan of Silyvria Dr,** «The Holy and Great Council from the perspective of one of its members»

17.15-17.30 **Sotirios Despotis Prof.**, «The Apostolic Council of Jerusalem (48 A.D) – The Holy and Great Council (2016): Church and Oikoumene before two successive millennia» (GR)
17.30-17.45  Demetrios Nikolakakis Prof.,
«Autocephaly and Autonomy on the way towards the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church» (GR)
17.45-18.30  Discussion
18.30-19.00  Coffee break

**Classroom A (2nd floor)**

Chair:  Rev. Prof. Nicodemos Skrettas

17.00-17.15  Maria Hatziapostolou Dr,
«The Anthropological dimension of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church: Problems and perspectives for the future of Orthodox Theology»

17.15-17.30  Aristarchos Grekas Rev. Dr,
«The contribution of the Orthodox Church in peace building» (GR)

17.30-17.45  Nikolaos Kouremenos Dr,
«Facilitating the road towards unity: The Christology of Coptic Liturgies as a point of convergence of the Eastern Orthodox and the Oriental Orthodox Churches»

17.45-18.30  Discussion
18.30-19.00  Coffee break

**Session B**
19.00-20.30

**Amphitheater A**

Chair:  Prof. Konstantinos Christou

19.00-19.15  Ioannis Panagiotopoulos Prof.,
«The question of the preparation of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church» (GR)
19.30-19.45 *Vassiliki Stathokosta Prof.*, «Orthodox Theology and Oikoumene: From the first Conference of Orthodox Theology until today» (GR)
19.45-20.30 Discussion

**Amphitheater B**

Chair: *Prof. Angeliki Ziaka*

19.00-19.15 *Konstantinos Zarris Prof.*, «Communicating Holiness: The mystical element as a contributing factor in inter-religious dialogue»

19.15-19.30 *Apostolos Kralidis Prof.*, «The Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church and Interfaith dialogue: Proposals and Perspectives» (GR)

19.30-19.45 *Michael Marioras Prof.*, «Outreach to people of other faiths in Europe and in Greece: Realities, preconditions and expectations for the Orthodox priest» (GR)

19.45-20.30 Discussion

**Amphitheater C**

Chair: *Rev. Prof. Vassilios Georgopoulos*

19.00-19.15 *Demetrios Moschos Prof.*, «The byzantine past: privilege or obstacle to a conciliarity of the future? » (GR)

19.15-19.30 *Demetrios Keramidas Prof.*, «Orthodox Christianity in the 21st Century»
19.30-19.45  **Gregory Tucker M.A.**,  
«Olivier Clément and Vernacular Liturgy, Again and Again»
19.45-20.30  Discussion

**Amphitheater D**

Chair:  **Prof. Moschos Goutzioudis**
19.00-19.15  **Petros Vassiliadis Em. Prof.**,  
«Conciliarity and Consensus (συναίνεσις). In the Early Church, in present day and the future»
19.15- 19.30  **Will Cohen Prof.**,  
«Catholicity, Unanimity, and Authority: Some Reflections after Crete»
19.30-19.45  **Irakli Jinjolava M.A.**,  
«Synodical principle as the key to church unity against the background of the Holy and Great Council»
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**Dinner**
**Saint Theodora Monastery**
20.45-21.45
Wednesday 23 May 2018:
Auditorium, Faculty of Philosophy (Old Building)
09:30-13:00
Plenary Morning Sessions

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09.30-11.00

Panel: «The Holy and Great Council – View of Other Christian Traditions»

Chair: Prof. Miltiadis Konstantinou – Prof. Dimitra Koukoura

09.30-09.45 Gennadios Metropolitan of Sassima Prof., «Being Together: Orthodoxy in Unity and Concili arity in a Pluralistic World»

09.45-10.00 Rev. K.M. George Prof., «Concili arity, Democracy and the Social Media: An Indian Perspective»

10.00-10.15 Rev. Dr. Frans Bouwen,
"Relations of the Orthodox Church with the Rest of the Christian World. A Roman Catholic Point of View on the Document of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church."

10.15-10.30 Prof. Jennifer Wasmuth,
«Step forward or backward? The document “Relations of the Orthodox Church with the Rest of the Christian world” in an Ecumenical Perspective»

10.30-10.45 Dr. Canon Jamie Hawkey,
«Sentire cum ecclesia – Anglicanism, Synodality, and discerning the mind of the Church.»

10.45-11.00 Rev. Prof. Mattheus Odair Pedrosa,
«Notes on Orthodoxy and Modern Ecumenicity»
10.30-11.00 Discussion
11.00-11.30 Coffee break

2nd Session
12.00-13.00

Chair: Prof. Panagiotis Skaltsis – Rev. Prof. Chrysostomos Nassis

12.00-12.30 Prof. Paul Meyendorff,

12.30-13.00 Rev. Prof. Viorel Sava,
«The Parish as Factor and Model of Unity in a Divided World. A Liturgical – Pastoral Approach of OurTimes»

13.00-13.30 Discussion

14.00-15.00 Lunch

Faculty of Theology
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Wednesday 23 May 2018:
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**Faculty of Theology**
17.00-20.30
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**Session A**
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**Amphitheater A**

Chair: **Prof. Michael Tritos**
17.00-17.15 **Kyrillos Bishop of Abydos Prof.**, «Evaluation of the Holy and Great Council documents by the four Churches that did not participate to it» (GR)
17.15-17.30 **Gregorios Paphthomas Rev. Prof.**, «From the realized Holy and Great Council of Crete (2016) to an [anticipated] similar Council of the Orthodox Church (Ecclesio-canonical and Anthropological challenges)» (GR)
17.30-17.45 **Symeon Paschalidis Prof.**, «The Holy and Great Council and its place among the Great Councils of the Orthodox Church» (GR)
17.45-18.30 Discussion
18.30-19.00 Coffee break

**Amphitheater B**

Chair: **Rev. Prof. Christos Filiotis**
17.00-17.15 **Emmanuel Clapsis Rev. Prof.**, «Mission and Dialogue»
17.15-17.30  Dimitra Koukoura Prof.,
«Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? (Psalm 106:2) And how?»
17.30-17.45  Gregory Edwards Rev. Dr,
«Orthodox Christian Witness for the Third Millenium: Improving the Mission Document»
17.45-18.30  Discussion,
18.30-19.00  Coffee break

Amphitheater C
Chair:  Prof. Crysostomos Stamoulis
17.00-17.15  Apostolos Nikolaidis Prof.,
«The Social Dynamic and Social Resonance of the Holy and Great Council» (GR)
17.15-17.30  Aristotle Papanikolaou Prof.,
«A Christian Secularism»
17.30-17.45  Niki Papageorgiou Prof.,
«The question of renewal in the Orthodox Church» (GR)
17.45-18.30  Discussion
18.30-19.00  Coffee break

Amphitheater D
Chair:  Prof. Constantinos Bozinis
17.00-17.15  Nathanael Neacsu Rev. Prof.,
«The Ecumenicity of the Orthodox Church or the Theological Foundation and the “Methodology” of the Ecumenical Relations with the Heterodox Christians»
17.15-17.30  Pablo Aragarate Prof.,
«Roman Catholic Perspectives on the Holy and Great Council. A Comparison with Vatican II» (GR)
17.30-17.45  **Nikolaos Ludovicos Rev. Prof.**, «Primacy and Conciliarity in the academic dialogues between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox members of the “Saint Ireneus” International Joint Working Group of Roman Catholic and Orthodox Theologians: problems and perspectives» (GR)

17.45-18.30  Discussion

18.30-19.00  Coffee break
Amphitheater A

Chair: Prof. Panagiotis Yfantis

19.00-19.15 Georgios Pavlos Prof.,  
«Orthodox Theology and the Crisis of History»

19.15- 19.30 Theodoros Alexopoulos Prof.,  
«The historical-dogmatical significance of the  
statement of the Holy and Great Synod on the  
universal authority of the Synod of 879/80 and  
the so-called Palamite Synods (Encyclical I.3).  
Ecumenical perspectives on the issues of  
Primacy and the Filioque»

19.30-19.45 Stavros Yagazoglou Prof.,  
«The Orthodox Church in Dialogue. The dia  
lectical nature of the Church and its mission in  
the contemporary world» (GR)

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Amphitheater B

Chair: Rev. Prof. Porphyriios Georgi

19.00-19.15 Thomas Fitzgerald Rev. Prof.,  
«The Orthodox-Catholic Bilateral Theological  
Consultationin in North America»

19.15- 19.30 Athanasios Vletsis Prof.,  
«The Holy and Great Council in the German  
thelogical and ecclesial world» (GR)

19.30-19.45 Peter Petkoff Prof.,  
«Awakening the Conciliar Tradition in A New  
Millennium as a Dialogue Between  
Charismatic and Proceduralist Legal Cultures»

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Chair: Prof. Charalampos Atmazidis
19.00-19.15 Alexandros Papaderos Dr,
«The Church against provocative threat… based on the principles of the Gospel» with emphasis on «ownership of the economy» (GR)

19.15-19.30 Konstantinos Kotsiopoulos Prof.,
«Human rights in modern society according to the Holy and Great Council of Crete» (GR)

19.30-19.45 Christos Tsironis Prof.,
«The Mission of the Orthodox Church in Today's World" (Holy and Great Council 4th Document of the Holy and Great Council): The social perspective of the Orthodox Theology in the second Modernity» (GR)

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Amphitheater D

Chair: Prof. Miltiadis Vantsos
19.00-19.15 Konstantinos Zorbas Dr,
«The encyclical of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church: does a social teaching of the Orthodox Church exist?» (GR)

19.15-19.30 Tikhon Vasilyev Hieromonk M.A.,
«Pan-Orthodox Meetings and Associations before and after Crete»

19.30-19.45 Pantelis Kalaitzidis Dr,
«Pending Issues and Future Challenges. After the Convening of the Great and Holy Council»

19.45-20.30 Discussion
Chair:  **Prof. Ilias Evangelou**
19.00-19.15  **Radu Bordeianu Rev. Dr**,  
«The Local Eucharistic Assembly: The Parish and Its Various Ministries»
19.15- 19.30  **Mariyan Stoyadinov Prof.**,  
«Universal Church or Conglomeration of Parallel Universes (Between Theology and Practice of Contemporary Orthodox Universality). The national existence and the eschatological challenge of the Diaspora»
19.30-19.45  **Nikolaos Asproulis Dr**,  
Ockham’s Razor: Theological Hermeneutics and Systematic Theology. Is there a future for Orthodox theology?»
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Chair: H.Gr. Bishop of Amorion Nicephoros – Prof. Konstantinos Christou
09.30-09.50 H.Gr. Bishop of Christoupolis Prof. Makarios
«Severing Communion with the Bishop according to the 15th Canon of the First-Second Council»
09.50-10.10 H. Gr. Archbishop of Telmessos Prof. Job,
«The Holy and Great Council as an Experience of Synodality»
10.10-10.30 Prof. Theodoros Giagou,
«The Holy and Great Council: reality and perspective»
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Chair:  Prof. Apostolos Nikolaidis – Prof. Athanasios Vletsis

11.30-11.50  H.E. Metropolitan of Messinia Prof. Chrysostomos,
«The Decisions of the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Church and the Future of the theological studies - What does the Church expect from Theology?»

11.50-12.10  H.E. Metropolitan of Bursa Prof. Elpidophoros,
«The next Holy and Great Council. Agenda, Questions»

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Chair: Prof. Fotios Ioannidis
17.00-17.15 Christos Arampatzis Prof.,
«The Christian world in the 20th century and
the saints of the Orthodox Church» (GR)
17.15-17.30 Vassilios Tsingos Prof.,
«The “perichoretic” word of Orthodox
Theology in the 21st century» (GR)
17.30-17.45 George Anagnostopoulos Rev. Prof.,
«Christ, Holy Trinity and the Orthodox Church
in the 21st Century: Do the Dogmas Change?»
17.45-18.30 Discussion
18.30-19.00 Coffee break

Amphitheater B
Chair: Bishop of Abydos Prof. Kyrillos
17.00-17.15 Grigorios Larentzakis Em. Prof.,
«The necessity of theological dialogues based
on the decisions of the Holy and Great Council
of the Orthodox Church in Crete, June 2016»
(GR)
17.15-17.30 Stylianos Tsompanidis Prof.,
«Orthodoxy and the Oecumene in the 21st
century: The “ecclesiological challenge” after
the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox
Church»
17.30-17.45 **Smilen Markov Dr.**, «The concept of ἀνακεφαλαίωσις in the Documents of the Holy and Great Council of Crete as a Theological Criterion for Dialogue»
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Chair: **Prof. Evangelia Amoiridou**
17.00-17.15 **Kyriaki Fitzgerald Prof.**, «Discerning the Ministries of Women: Inspiring Perspectives from Orthodox Faithful, Today»
17.15-17.30 **Natalia Vasilevich M.A.**, «The Church for the World: the Ecclesiological Project of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church»
17.30-17.45 **Edward Siecienski Prof.**, «Past Plans and Future Dialogue: Three Orthodox Proposals for Recognizing the Roman Primacy (1054 – 1253)»
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Amphitheater D

Chair: **Prof. Anna Nikita-Koltsiou**
17.00-17.15 **Thomas Ioannidis Prof.**, «Orthodox Theology and contemporary slavery. A Biblical foundation» (GR)
17.15-17.30 **Ivan Dimitrov Em. Prof.**, «The Orthodox Theological Schools and their cooperation on the way to the Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Church»
17.30-17.45 Christos Karakolis Prof.,
«The practice of fasting in the contemporary world in light of the Pauline witness» (GR)
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18.30-19.00 Coffee break

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Chair: Rev. Prof. Emmanuel Clapsis
19.00-19.15 Vassiliki Mitropoulou Prof.,
«Evangelism through modern channels of communication»
19.15-19.30 John Klentos Prof.,
«Tradition, Translation, and Technology: Liturgy in an Age of Councils»
19.30-19.45 George Kovalenko Prof.,
«The idea of Open Orthodoxy and Theology online»
19.45-20.30 Discussion

Amphitheater B

Chair: Metropolitan of Selyvria Dr Maximos
19.00-19.15 Alexander Rentel Rev Prof.,
«Eucharistic Ecclesiology and the Council in Crete»
19.15-19.30 Maxym Lysack Rev. Prof.,
«Challenges to Orthodox Ecclesiology and Theological Vision in the 21st Century»
19.30-19.45 Vaclav Jezek Rev Prof.,
«Inside or outside the Church? What is the Church? Issues in Orthodox ecclesiology»
19.45-20.30 Discussion
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Chair: **Prof. Paul Meyendorff**

19.00-19.15 **Brandon Gallaher Prof.**, «The Orthodox Moment: The Holy and Great Council in Crete and Orthodoxy’s Encounter with the West: Prospects for Ecumenical Dialogue»

19.15-19.30 **Paul Gavriljuk Prof.**, «The Creation of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA) and the Re-Building of Pan-Orthodox Unity from Below»

19.30-19.45 **Sergios Marnellos Rev. Prof.**, «The metropolitan system, a challenge and opportunity for today» (GR)

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Amphitheater D

Chair: **Prof. Athanasios Paparnakis**

19.00-19.15 **Kyriakoula Papademetriou Prof.**, «Semiotic analysis of the Apostolic Council according to Information in the New Testament. References and relations to the Holy and Great Council» (GR)

19.15-19.30 **Amphilochios Meltos Rev. Dr.**, «Conciliarity and its realization: Towards a common quest of Orthodox and Roman Catholics» (GR)

19.30-19.45 **Ekaterini Karkala M.A.**, «The post-Council era in the ecumenical dialogue»

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Chair:  
Prof. Soultana Lamprou

19.00-19.15  
Dmitry Gasak Prof.,
"Sobornost: the Image of Church Structure or Profession of Faith"

19.15- 19.30  
Davide Dainese Dr,
"The relationship between orthodoxy and heterodoxy after the so-called Great Persecution (303-313 AC)"

19.45-20.30  Discussion

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20.45-21.45

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