

OTSA Annual Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023

Volos Academy, All times (Greek Time)

Theme: Mission

Program (updated 12/19/2022)

- 8:00 am Bus pickup from Kypseli Hotel
- 8:30 9:00: Opening Prayer Service

Welcome and Opening remarks: Teva Regule, PhD, OTSA President

- 9:00 10:30: **Liturgy and Mission** (Moderator Teva Regule)
 - "Liturgy and the Participation of the People"

Deacon Andrei Psarev (Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary)

- Title TBD
 - Fr. Sergius Halvorsen, PhD (St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary)
- "The Oldest Anti-Jewish Hymns in Context"

George Demacopoulos, PhD (Fordham University)

- 10:30 10:45: Coffee Break
- 10:45 11:30: Breakout group networking
- 11:30 13:00: The Nones and Dones and the Mission of the Church

(Moderator – Fr. John Jillions)

- "Reaching out to the Nones and Dones"
 - Fr. Luke Veronis, ThM (Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology)
- "Reaching the 'Nones' through a Theotic understanding of Salvation"

Aristotle Papanikolaou, PhD (Fordham University)

• "Engaging the 'Nones' and Orthodox Christians through a Theology-

Neuroscience Dialogue"

Hermina Nedelescu, PhD (The Scripps Research Institute)

- 13:00 13:45: Lunch Break
- 13:45 14:45: The Witness of the Faithful: Academic and Ecclesial Freedom

(Moderator – Jim Skedros)

• "Learning to Fight Gracefully: Debate Within the Church"

Fr. John Jillions, DMin, PhD (Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, UK)

• "Bearing Witness from the Inside Outside"

Ashley Purpura, PhD (Purdue University)

• 14:45 – 16:15: Questions of Sex, Color, and Race in the Church and

Implications for Its Mission (Moderator – Helen Theodoropoulos)

- "An Incarnational Model: A Constructive Theology of Sex Differentiation in Response to Rhodes"
 - Carrie Frederick-Frost, PhD (Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary)
- "The Origins and Inheritance of Color-Coded Language in Orthodox Spirituality and Community"

Claire Koen, PhD-ABD (Fordham University)

• "Overcoming Phyletism in American Orthodoxy"

Chris Durante, PhD (St. Peter's University)

• 16:30 – 18:00: Modern Orthodox Topics and the Mission of the Church

(Moderator – Jim Skedros)

• "Inherited understandings of hierarchy and their impact on the Orthodox Church" Fr. Philip Zymaris, ThD (Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology)

• "Panentheism in Modern Orthodoxy"

Paul Ladouceur, PhD (University of Toronto)

• "Orthodox Engagement with American Evangelicalism" Dcn. Bradley (Gabriel) Nassif, PhD (Researcher)

• 18:00 – 19:30: **OTSA Business Meeting (11:00 am EST for remote participation)** (Open to members in good standing. Provisional members may attend but not vote.)

- 19:30 Bus returns to Volos Center
- 20:00 Optional "No-host" Dinner at Restaurant in Volos

Wednesday Evening (1/11)

•18:00 – 20:00: IOTA Opening Ceremony/Keynote and Florovsky Lecture

Opening Ceremony
Welcome Address: Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis , Director of Volos Academy for Theological Studies
Welcome Address: Metropolitan Ignatius (Georgakopoulos) of Demetrias
Presidential Address: Dr. Paul L. Gavrilyuk, IOTA President
Introduction of Keynote: Dr. Teva Regule, OTSA President
Keynote Address and Florovsky Lecture: Metropolitan Ambrosios (Zographos) of Korea