

## SUMMARIES OF THE ARTICLES IN THE PRESENT VOLUME

*Theological Aesthetics of the Holy Icons and Their Ecumenical Significance.*

By Evangelos D. Theodorou. Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, pp. 7-29.

Icons are a characteristic creation of Orthodox Aesthetics, which within the framework of Christian Art harmonizes the outward visible artistic form with the invisible inward significance. This significance is both anagogical and mystagogical because it promotes man's communion with divine and heavenly reality, since according to the Seventh Ecumenical Council «the honour rendered to the icon is rendered to the prototype, and he who reverences the icon reverences the hypostasis of him who is depicted».

*Science and Religion.* By Megas L. Pharantos, University Professor, pp. 30-79, 581-652 (to be continued).

The author's purpose herein is to bring to light contemporary science's views on religion and to determine the relationship between them, and to present the basic principles and the essential characteristics of both scientific work and religious experience. In the first part of this study the author evaluates and judges the findings of the so-called New Physics. In the second part he examines religiosity throughout time and makes special referral to the teaching of the Fathers of the Church.

*Is the Environment in Danger, Nature under Destruction, and Creation Threatened? The Eschatological Moratorium from an Orthodox Viewpoint.* By Archimandrite Gennadios Limouris, pp. 80-143.

After a brief review of the history of Ecology, the author proceeds to examine the various interventions on the part of various environmental movements and the various sciences in order to save the environment. The author underlines the need for a moral direction to be undertaken by the Orthodox Church with her rich patristic tradition and experience, with an end to reversing the catastrophic course on which creation is moving.

*Religion and Heresy.* By Dionysios G. Dacouras, Associate Professor of the University of Athens, pp. 144-199.

This study constitutes the first part of a broader religious-sociological work. The author herein examines the bounds or limits of the Church and of heresy, as they are determined by Ecclesiology without, however, entering into a discussion about the various religious peculiarities of the various denominations, or about the competition existing amongst them, as can readily be seen in many aspects of religious life.

*N. Berdyaev and Byzantine Philosophy. On the Metaphysical Range of Patristic Theology.* By Marios P. Begzos, pp. 200-203.

The author herein examines N. Berdyaev's (1874/1948) knowledge of Greek Patristic Theology with special reference to Athanasius the Great and Gregory of Nyssa. This study also proves that Patristic Theology possesses presuppositions that relate to modern man.

*The Epistle to the Hebrews (A New Opinion as to whom it is addressed).* By Ioannis An. Tsangalides, pp. 209-217.

The present study examines the difficult question: to whom was St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews addressed, and proposes that its recipients were the Jewish Christians of Caesarea in Palestine. The study reaches this conclusion on the basis of internal evidence, of the author's relationship with the recipients, of the use of nautical terminology, *et al.*

*Titular Bishops in the Ecumenical Patriarchate.* By Christos Tsouvalis, pp. 218-254.

The last part of this study in which a list of historical but no longer extant Metropolitanates and Dioceses of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is given along with a catalogue of the names of those bishops who held the titles of such dioceses from the 15th century until the end of the patriarchate of Athénagoras (7 July 1972).

*The Sinaite Library.* By Demetrios Digbasanis, Sinaite, pp. 255-282.

The final installment of this study which contains the efforts to classify the codices of the Monastery of St. Katherine on Mt. Sinai which date from the time of Archbishop Cosmas (1702-1708). The study ends with a very extensive Greek and foreign-language bibliography.

*The Theology of the Language used in St. Basil's Homilies «Against Eunomius».* By Nicholas K. Dratsellas, pp. 283-288.

A theological approach to St. Basil's views on the use of language as they are to be found in his homilies «Against Eunomius», in contrast to the latter's

views, who having Aristotelian points of departure, identifies the essence of a thing or person with its name, while for St. Basil names indicate characteristics and not essence.

*A Scholarly Memorial in Honour of Professor Ioannis Karmiris. Academician,* pp. 289-322.

Messages and elocutions presented during the scholarly Memorial held in honour of the ever-memorable Professor and Academician, Ioannis Karmiris, on the 24th of February 1993.

*First Inter-Christian Symposium.* By Chrysostomos Savvatos, pp. 323-328.

Decisions and conclusions reached by the First Inter-Christian Symposium on «The Vision of God and Prayer» held at the Orthodox Academy of Crete. The Symposium was organized by the Theological School of the University of Thessaloniki and the Institute on Spirituality of the Ateneum Antonianum University of Rome.

*The Seventieth Anniversary of the Periodicals «Ekklesia» and «Theologia».* By Evangelos D. Theodorou, Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, pp. 353-360.

A brief historical reference to the establishment and course of development of the Periodicals «Ekklesia» and «Theologia» on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of their publication. The purposes and future outlook of their publication is herein examined as well as what so far has been accomplished through the inspired guidance of those who served as their editors.

*The Greek Orthodox Ideal of «Paideia».* By Evangelos D. Theodorou, Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, pp. 361-370.

A lecture delivered by the author on the occasion of the conferral of an honorary Doctor's Degree in Theology by the Holy Cross Orthodox Theological School in Brookline, Massachusetts, and dealing extensively with the Greek Orthodox Ideal of «Paideia» in general, and the Three Hierarchs (Sts. Basil, John Chrysostom, and Gregory the Theologian) as the personal embodiment of the higher values of «paideia» in particular.

*Israel's Apostasy at Shittim* (Num. 25, 1. Ex. 31, 16). By Professor Panagiotis N. Simotas, pp. 371-398.

A study dealing with the interpretation and historical clarification of Israel's apostasy while at Shittim, which occurred before their miraculous crossing of the Jordan. Biblical and secular testimonies and in particular the

role played by the Mosopotamian soothsayer Balaam are examined.

*The Philosophical Substructure of the Theology of Pseudo- Dionysius the Areopagite.* By Professor Megas L. Pharantos, pp. 399-427.

The author of the present study maintains that the works ascribed to Dionysius the Areopagite are essentially philosophical, and more specifically, neo-Platonic in content, and that their theological appearance is purely secondary. The author known as Dionysius does not even in the least deal with revelation in Christ, while the quotations that he uses from Holy Scripture are chosen deliberately and conveniently without any thought as to how they relate to his philosophical system, thereby creating a great deal of confusion for Christian theology.

*Patriarch Tikhon and the Calendar Problem (According to the Letter of Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, to the Ecumenical Patriarch, Germanos II).* By Andreas N. Papavassiliou. Th. D., pp. 428-437.

A study in which the author presents the various solutions proposed by Patriarch Tikhon of Moscow to the problem that could have arisen had the Church at that time decided to either retain or correct the Old (Julian) Calendar, given the unilateral decision of the Communist Government in 1918 to separate the State and the School from the Church and to adapt the Gregorian Calendar. These are found in the Patriarch's letter to Ecumenical Patriarch Germanos II and reveal the wisdom, seriousness and the deep sense of responsibility with which Tikhon approached this most serious issue.

*The Anonymous Author of the Parisian Codex Suppl. Gr. 64 (Theoleptos of Philadelphia [1283-1322] and his three Works [Oration and Homilies]).* By Ioannis K. Gregoropoulos, pp. 438-478.

The publication of three works by Theoleptos of Philadelphia found in the Ms Codex Suppl. Gr. 64 of the Library of Paris and ascribed to an «anonymous author».

*St. Dionysius the Areopagite.* Hymnological-Hagiological Approaches. By P. B. Paschos, pp. 479-515.

An hagiological and historical study aiming at clarifying the person of St. Dionysius the Areopagite as it appears in the sources. The author examines all the traditions concerning St. Dionysius and paints his portrait having as his guide Church Tradition and Hymnology.

*Two Symposia on Christian Macedonia held within the framework of the*

*Twenty-seventh «Demetria» Celebrations.* By Athanasios E. Karathanasis. Professor of the University of Thessaloniki, pp. 516-521.

A description of a) the Symposium on the Archbishop of Thessaloniki and latter Ecumenical Patriarch, Joachim III, which took place on the 23rd and 24th of October 1992 and of b) the Symposium on «Christian Thessaloniki, held from the 9th to the 11th of November of the same year.

*The Church as «A Communion of Saints».* By Evangelos D. Theodorou. Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, pp. 545-564.

A paper delivered at the XIII Theological Conference of the Sacred Metropolitanate of Thessaloniki. The author herein interprets the phrase «Communion of Saints», used to characterize the Church, on the basis of the symbols and the teaching of the Holy Fathers. He demonstrates that the meaning of the phrase is contingent upon the gender of the word «Saints» [Ἁγίων] and upon the nuance of the word «communion» [κοινωνία] and in accordance with this phrase he presents its application in the life of the members of both the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant.

*Orthodox and Vatican Agreement, Balamand, Lebanon, June 1993.* By Professor John S. Romanides, pp. 570-580.

A theological, historical, and ecclesiological evaluation of the statement produced by the members of the Joint Commission on Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox and the Roman Catholics at their meeting in Balamand, Lebanon from 17 to 24 June, 1993. The author divides his study into the following sections: Introduction, The So-called Schism, Ecclesiology, The raison d'etre of Uniatism ceases to exist, The Question, Formulations of dogmas not to be confused with the Mysteries of God, and rejects the statement as completely unacceptable from an Orthodox viewpoint.

*The Psychology of Religion and Literature.* By Michael Makrakis, University Professor, pp. 653-682.

A proposal by the author that «the Religious-Psychological Analysis of Literature» be established as a university course at the Theological Faculty of the University of Athens. He considers this a necessity, given the iconological character of our age in which man is being inundated with literary works turned into movie and television films. He proposes that the new course be considered as an extension of the Psychology of Religion, since it employs the latter's methodology.

*The Meaning of Temptations in the Spiritual Life according to St. Maximus*

*the Confessor and St. Symeon the New Theologian.* By Charalam-bos G. Soteropoulos, pp. 683-706.

Sts. Maximus the Confessor's and Symeon the New Theologian's teachings are presented herein by the author in the light of the entire patristic tradition concerning temptations, their definition, their source, their content and the means by which they are combatted.

*Episcopal Pages from Kozane.* By Phocas Angelatos, pp. 707-752.

The works and days in America of Joachim Apostolides, Metropolitan of Kozane. Metropolitan Joachim of Kozane was elected in 1923 and visited the United States privately in 1924 where, however, he was the cause of many ecclesiastical problems and contributed to the creation of a chaotic situation within the Archdiocese of America. The author mentions these in detail as well as the reaction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Greek Foreign Ministry and provides documents from the archives.

*Agitation according to St. Gregory of Nazianzus.* By Eugenia Panagiotou, pp. 753-820 (to be continued).

The purpose of the present study is to shed light upon the spiritual course of St. Gregory of Nazianzus towards the spiritual life, and to show that it constitutes a link in the chain of hesychasm. In the first part of this study the author examines spiritual agitation as mentimed in St. Gregory's theological and secular works.

*The Seventh Scholarly Symposium, «Christian Thessaloniki».* By Athanasios Karathanasis, Professor of the University of Thessaloniki, pp. 821-825.

An extensive reference to the Seventh Scholarly Symposium, «Christian Thessaloniki», which was held at the Sacred Monastery of Vlatadon from the 18th to the 20th of October, within the «Demetria» celebrations of 1993. The theme of the Symposium was «Stavropegiac and Parish Monasteries in Thessaloniki».