

Introductory Note

The present issue, the fourth of the journal *Θεολογία* 94th volume, is of varied material and includes articles of mainly theological interest - but also of broader scientific one.

More specifically, the first article of the present issue has been written by Sotirios Despotis, Professor of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), and bears the title “Nicolaitans: Clarifications concerning their identity”. It is followed by the article with the title “The Chanting Art in the Covid-19 Era”, that has been written by Emmanuel Xynadas, Assist. Professor of the Patriarchal University, Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete. The third article of this issue bears the title: “‘Liturgy after the Liturgy’: an Original Missionary Exhortation of the Archbishop of Albania Anastasios”, that has been written by Nikolaos Tsirivelos, PhD, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. It is followed by the article with the title “The reduction to the eighth day and the sight of God as the eschatological thread of the teaching of Saint Symeon, the New Theologian”; it has been written by Andreas Karatzas, PhD Theology and Physical Education, Hellenic Open University.

The issue’s next article belongs to Chrysovalantis Kyriacou, Lecturer in Ecclesiastical History, Theological School of the Church of Cyprus, and bears the title: “Hegesippus and the beginnings of ecclesiastical historiography”. It is followed by the critical edition of “An Unedited Canon on the St. Martyr Uarus from the Codex Athous Lavrae Δ 14”, by Maria Sourba, PhD in Byzantine Philology, NKUA, and the article by Andreas Vitoulas, PhD in Theology, Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki, with the title: “Icon: From Idolatry as a Value in itself to Transcendent Openness with Reference to St Theodore the Studite & Andrei Tarkovsky”. Then, we have the article by Dimitrios Keramidas, PhD in Theology, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas “Angelicum” of Rome with the title “Christians and politics. A comment on the text: ‘For the Life of the World’ of the Ecumenical Patriarchate”.

The issue's ninth article has been written by Michael Galenianos, PhD in Theology and Philosophy, NKUA, and bears the following title: "The Unity and the Triune of God (The Trinitarian Doctrine)". Then we have an article originally written in English by Irene Politi, PhD in Byzantine History, NKUA with the title: "The Civil Disputes Between John V and Andronicus IV through the Correspondence of Demetrius Cydones". The issues last article belongs to Myron Zacharakis, PhD Cand., NKUA, with the title: "The Ecotheology of Philip Sherrard".

Consequently, in the column "Idiomela" we publish a paper written by Jérôme Cottin, Professor at the University of Strasbourg, with the title: "The Religious Education and the Beginning of the Secular State in France: A Weak Relationship?", translated into Modern Greek by Kleanthis E. Nizamis, Postdoctoral fellow and Adjunct Lecturer at the Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki.

The next issue of *Θεολογία* [vol. 95, 1 (2024)] will be the first of three consecutive issues dedicated to the publication of the *Proceedings of the International Conference on the Centenary of the Journal Θεολογία*, which was organized by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece and held in Athens from 11 to 14 October 2023, on the general theme: "Orthodox Theology *in via* in the 'Dematerialized Reality' of Late Modernity". The publication of the *Proceedings* will be followed by three successive issues of a variety of material.

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