



**OTSA Annual Meeting, June 6–8, 2024**  
Maliotis Cultural Center of Hellenic College/Holy Cross

**Theme: “Who am I? Who are we?  
Orthodox Christian Tradition and Questions of Identity”**

**Program** (updated 5/21/24)

- **Thursday (6/6/24)**
  - **1:00 pm: Check-In**  
Welcome and Opening Remarks: Teva Regule, PhD, OTSA President
  - 1:30 – 2:30 pm: **Our Identity: Starting Points** (Moderator – Teva Regule)
    - “Vulnerable to the Core: And (Not) Dealing with It”  
Fr. John Jones, PhD (Marquette University, Emeritus)
    - “Identifying as Heirs of God”  
Hermina Nedeleescu, PhD (The Scripps Research Institute)  
Katherine Archer, MA, cand (Antiochian House of Studies)
  - 2:30 – 3:30 pm: **Thoughts from our Fore-bearers** (Moderator – Teva Regule)
    - Hagiographic Techniques of the Self  
Claire Koen, PhD, cand (Fordham University)
    - “‘In this Apokatastasis, not Even One *Logoi* will be Falsified’: The Universal Fulfillment of Logoi and Particulars in Maximus the Confessor and Their Implications for Human Identity”  
Mark Chenoweth, PhD, cand (Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies)
  - 3:30 – 4:00 pm: *Coffee Break*
  - 4:00 – 5:00 pm: **Tradition and National Identity** (Moderator – Jim Skedros)
    - “Orthodox Identity: Insights into Tradition in the Writings of Sergius Bulgakov and Georges Florovsky”  
Fr. Robert Arida, MDiv (Priest Emeritus, Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral, Boston, MA)
    - “The Nation, Nationalism and Orthodox Identity: Sergius Bulgakov, Dumitru Staniloae and Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Dialogue”  
Paul Ladouceur, PhD (University of Toronto)
  - **5:00 – 5:30 pm: Opening Vespers (Chapel)**
  - **5:30 – 6:30 pm: Dinner**
  - 6:30 – 8:30 pm: **Intersectional Identities** (Moderator – Helen Theodoropoulos)
    - “Intersectional Thinking: Tool for Division or Deeper Communion?”  
Rachel Contos, PhD, cand (Fordham University)
    - “Listening to Women and Learning the ‘Good News’ Anew”  
Ashley Purpura, PhD (Purdue University)
    - **Panel: “Intersecting Worlds: Self, Academy, Church”**  
Rachel Contos, PhD, cand (Fordham University)  
Claire Koen, PhD, cand (Fordham University)  
Ashley Purpura, PhD (Purdue University)
  - 8:30 – 9:30 pm: “Exploring Our Intersectional Identities”  
Group Breakouts (*with Dessert*)

• **Friday (6/7/2024)**

• **8:30 – 9:00 am: Morning Prayer**

*Breakfast Snacks*

• 9:00 – 10:30 am: **Identity and Liturgical Ethos** (Moderator – Fr. John Jillions)

- “Identity and a Liturgical Way of Being”

Fr. Philip Zymaris, ThD (Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology)

- “Liturgical ID, Please! Identity’s Ontological, Relational, and Experiential Properties in the Worship and Prayers of the Church”

Fr. Stelyios Muksuris, PhD (Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Open Hellenic University)

- “Εἰκὼν εἰμι τῆς ἀρχῆς σου: The Image and Scars of Human Identity

Fr. Bogdan Bucur, PhD (St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Seminary)

• 10:30 – 11:00 am: *Coffee Break*

• 11:00 am – 12:30 pm: **Personal and Communal Identities** (Moderator – Jim Skedros)

- “Who am I? Refocusing the Identity Search”

Inga Leonova (The Wheel Journal)

- “Enacting Identity through Liturgy: The Example of New Skete Monastery

Teva Regule, PhD (Boston College)

- “Whither the Monks? Reflecting on Monastic Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

Br. Christopher Savage (New Skete Monastery)

• 12:30 – 1:30 pm: *Lunch*

• 1:30 – 2:30 pm: **Cultural and Ecclesial Identity: Church Governance**

(Moderator – Fr. Nik Ferencz)

- “Phyletism, Territory and the Orthodox Identity Crisis: Orthodox Episcopacy in a Multicultural Society”

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

- “‘Sobornopravnist’ (Church Governance) as a Ukrainian Orthodox Identity Marker”

Fr. Bohdan Hladio, PhD (Trinity College, Toronto School of Theology)

• 2:30 – 3:00 pm: **New Member Introductions**

• 3:00 – 3:30 pm: *Coffee Break*

• **3:30 pm – 5:00/30 pm: OTSA Business Meeting** (Chair – Teva Regule)

*(Open to members in good standing. Provisional members may attend but not vote.)*

- **Memorial for Departed Members to follow**

• 5:30 – 6:30 pm: *Dinner*

• **7:00 pm – 8:30/9:00 pm: Florovsky “Forum”** (Moderator – Teva Regule)

**Panelists:**

- Rev. Dr. Alkiviadis Calivas (Professor Emeritus of Liturgics, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology [HCHC])

- Rev. Dr. George Papademetriou (Professor Emeritus of Dogmatics, HCHC)

- Dr. Lewis Patsavos (Professor Emeritus of Canon Law, HCHC)

- Rev. Dr. Theodore Stylianopoulos (Professor Emeritus of New Testament, HCHC)

***Reception to Follow***

- **Saturday (6/8/2024)**

- **8:30 – 9:00 am: Morning Prayer**

- Breakfast Snacks*

- **9:00 – 10:00 am: Orthodox Identity and the Marketplace**

- (Moderator – Fr. Geoffrey Ready)

- “Digital Dissidents: Science, Technology, and Orthodoxy Online”

- Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, PhD (Northeastern University)

- “Who we are or how do we live? Question of Orthodox Christian Identity in the Marketplace”

- Fr. Peter Baktis, DMin (Priest, Mother of God Joy of All Who Sorrow, Hopewell, NJ)

- **10:00 – 11:00 am: Panel: Orthodoxy and Judaism in Dialogue**

- (Moderator – Fr. Geoffrey Ready)

- Fr. Geoffrey Ready, PhD (Trinity College, University of Toronto)

- Fr. Bogdan Bucur, PhD (St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Seminary)

- Inga Leonova (The Wheel Journal)

- Fr. Gabriel Rochelle (St. Sophia Orthodox Theological Seminary)

- *11:00 – 11:30 am: Coffee Break*

- **11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Presentation and Workshop: Mixed Marriages in the Orthodox Church** (Moderator – Fr. John Jillions)

- *12:30 – 1:30 pm: Lunch*