Dear Friends of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center,

Greetings! We are pleased to send you the first e-newsletter of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University. We look forward to bringing you updates on the center’s far-reaching scholarship devoted to Orthodox Christianity’s history and future.

Through lectures, scholarly publications, and student initiatives such as the Orthodox Christian Fellowship and the Orthodox Christian studies minor, we promote serious scholarship and lifelong learning. The center’s work paints a broad picture of Orthodoxy’s history, religious traditions, and geographical, geopolitical, and cultural reach.

Two pillars of the center’s scholarship are the Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies and the Public Orthodoxy online editorial forum, which is read worldwide. Our lively panels, conferences, and seminars—such as the recent Patterson Triannual Conference, titled Faith, Reason, Theosis—place us at the nexus of New York City’s bustling community and public discourse.

We hope that you enjoy this first issue. Thank you for your support.

Aristotle “Telly” Papanikolaou and George E. Demacopoulos
Co-Directors, Orthodox Christian Studies Center
Orthodox Christian Fellowship Expands

Art history drew Kassandra Ibrahim to Fordham’s Rose Hill Campus. But it was through Orthodox Christianity that she found true community.

Orthodox Christian Studies Center Kicks Off Human Rights Project

The center welcomed a diverse international group of experts for a discussion of Orthodoxy’s complicated and often contentious relationship with human rights discourse.

Celebrated Theologian Connects Faith to Knowledge

At the Patterson Triennial Conference, Rowan Williams—master of Magdalene College, Cambridge—showed how the pursuit of knowledge is inextricably bound with humanity’s connections to God.
Orthodoxy in America
Lecture: Theological Education in the Twenty-First Century

According to the Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, “The task of theological education is not to enable students to answer questions that arise today, but to be able to respond to those that will be raised in the decades to come.”

Orthodoxy, Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Discussed at Conference

Scholars, pastors, clinicians, and other experts gathered in Oxford, England, to grapple with highly controversial social issues confronting Orthodox Christians.

PUBLICATIONS

Fundamentalism or Tradition: Christianity after Secularism
Proceedings from the 2016 Patterson Triennial Conference
Edited by Aristotle Papanikolaou and George E. Demacopoulos

Dynamis of Healing: Patristic Theology and the Psyche
Pia Sophia Chaudhari

Welcoming Finitude: Toward a Phenomenology of Orthodox Liturgy
Christina M. Gschwandtner
Colonizing Christianity: Greek and Latin Religious Identity in the Era of the Fourth Crusade
George E. Demacopoulos

The Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies enters its second year of publication. Subscribe to the journal today.

POPULAR RECENT ESSAYS FROM PUBLIC ORTHODOXY

“How Catholics Have Always Believed and Taught Deification,” by Jared Ortiz

“Domestic Violence and Accountable Actions in the Orthodox Church,” by Mariz Tadros

“Scholars Not Priests,” by George Demacopoulos

Read reflections from the recent Fordham-Exeter Bridging Voices conference on Orthodoxy and sexual diversity held in Oxford, England.

The new Parish Educational Resources page has a curated list of essays selected for parish discussion groups.

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Your gift will help the Orthodox Christian Studies Center foster greater public awareness of Orthodox Christianity for years to come.

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