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Anthropological, Political, Economic, Social,
and Cultural Consequences”

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Monday, September 29

Thessaloniki Concert Hall (Emilios Riadis Hall)

11.00-12.45: Round Table Discussion:

*“The Historical and Cultural Experience of the Balkan Countries
and the Contemporary Technological Challenges”*

Roundtable Speakers:

Aristotle Tympas, Professor of History of Technology in Modern Times, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Chair of the Round Table)

Fr. Gheorghe Holbea, Professor of Dogmatic Orthodox Theology, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology “Justinian the Patriarch”, University of Bucharest

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Monday, September 29
Thessaloniki Concert Hall

13.00: Official Opening of the Photography Exhibition*, Main Foyer,
Thessaloniki Concert Hall, Building M1:

*“The Oikoumene Proclaims You Its Champion”
Saint Demetrios the Myrrh-Streamer in the Balkans.
Emblematic Sites of Worship, Portable Icons, and Frescoes*

* The exhibition will run until October 20 (Free Admission; Visiting Hours:
Monday to Friday: 10.00-14.00, Wednesday 18.00-20.00).

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OPENING CEREMONY
II INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE JOURNAL *ΘΕΟΛΟΓΙΑ*
(Holy Church of Saint Demetrios in Thessaloniki, hour: 18.30)

- His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I. (Inaugural Speech)
- His Excellency the President of the Hellenic Republic Mr. Constantine An. Tassoulas (Greeting Address)
- His Beatitude Hieronymos II, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece (Greeting Address)

19.00-19.30: Keynote Lecture:

Efthymios Nikolaidis, Professor Emeritus, N.H.R.F.
The Ontology of Modern Technology (In Greek)

Chair: Alexandros Katsiaras, Secretary of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, Editorial Director of the Journal *Θεολογία*.

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Tuesday, September 30

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Session I

Church, Science, Politics, and Technology

Chair: H.E. Nikolaos, Metropolitan of Mesogaia and Lavreotiki
& Prof. Kirki Kefalea, N.K.U.A.

9.00-9.15: Greeting Address by a Primate/Representative of a Church

9.15-9.30: **Evangelos Venizelos**, Professor Emeritus, A.U.Th.

Technology as a Democratic Challenge (in Greek)

9.30-9.45: **H.E. Chrysostomos (Savvatos)**, Metropolitan of Messinia,
Professor, N.K.U.A.

The Ontological Content of Patristic Anthropology and the “Anthropoid Image” of Technology (in Greek)

9.45-10.00: **Christos Tsironis**, Professor, A.U.Th.

The Sacred in the Age and Dominion of Artificial Intelligence: Religion and Transformative Innovation in Late Modernity (in Greek)

10.00-10.15: **Nikos Erinakis**, Assistant Professor, University of Crete

Towards a Hyper-Dialectics of Humanness: Authenticity, Creativity, Artificiality (in Greek)

10.15-10.30: **Konstantinos Tambakis**, Senior Researcher, N.H.R.F.

Science and Technology in the Discourse of 19th-Century Greek Theologians and their Relation to Parallel Currents in Europe

10.30-10.45: Discussion

10.45-11.15: Break

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Session II

Pastoral and Ecclesiastical Practice in the Digital Age

Chair: Protopr. Athanasios Gkikas, Professor, A.U.Th.
& Prof. Christos Arampatzis, A.U.Th.

11.15-11.30: Greeting Address by a Primate/Representative of a Church

11.30-11.45: **H.E. Gabriel, Metropolitan of Nea Ionia**

The Ontology of Social Media and the Possibility of Proclaiming the Gospel
(in Greek)

11.45-12.00: **Fr Vasileios Kalliakmanis**, Professor Emeritus, A.U.Th.

Pastoral Perplexity in the Age of the Internet (in Greek)

12.00-12.15: **Dimitra Koukoura**, Professor Emerita, A.U.Th.

Preacher-Machine – Machine-Preacher: The Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Field of Homiletics (in Greek)

12.15-12.30: **Fr Chrysostomos-Gregorios Tympas**, PhD, Univ. of Essex

Pastoral Work on the Internet: Opportunity for the Multiplication of Spiritual Words or a Desacralization of the Ecclesial Event? (in Greek)

12.30-12.45: **Fr Sergios Marnellos**, Assistant Professor, A.U.Th.

The Significance of Place in the Canonical Tradition within the New Paths of A-Topia in Digital Technology (in Greek)

12.45-13.00: Discussion

13.00-15.00: Lunch at the Foyer of the Administration Building, A.U.Th.

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Session III*

Consequences of Technology on Religions and Society

** This Session is dedicated to the memory
of Prof. Chrysostomos Stamoulis, who was scheduled to co-chair.*

Chair: Protopr. Gregorios-Telemachos Stamkopoulos,
Assoc. Professor, A.U.Th. & Prof. Fotios Ioannidis, A.U.Th.

15.00-15.15: Greeting Address by a Primate/Representative of a Church
15.15-15.30: **Archim. Iakovos Khalil**, Faculty of Theology of St. John
of Damascus, University of Balamand

Greed or Moderation? Christians Facing the Technological Challenge (in
Greek)

15.30-15.45: **Michalis Marioras**, Professor, N.K.U.A.

*Allah and Algorithm: Muslim Faith and the Limits of Artificial Intelligence
– Positions and Preconditions* (in Greek)

15.45-16.00: **Dr. Georgios Kounnousis**, Teaching Fellow, Theological
School of the Church of Cyprus

*Social Disintegration in Iconic Modernity: From the Desacralization of
Society to the Deification of Algorithms* (in Greek)

16.00-16.15: **H.E. Hierotheos, Metropolitan of Nafpaktos and Hagios
Vlassios**

The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Modern Technology (in Greek)

16.15-16.30: Discussion

16.30-17.00: Break

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Session IV

*The Journal *Θεολογία*/Theologia: History and Contribution [I]*

Chair: Prof. Emmanouil Karageorgoudis (N.K.U.A.)
& H.E. Georgios, Metropolitan of Kitros, Katerini and Platamon

17.00-17.15: Greeting Address by a Primate/Representative of a Church
17.15-17.30: **H.E. Panteleimon, Metropolitan of of Maroneia and Komotini**

*The Centennial Anniversary of the Founding of the Journal *Θεολογία*: An Honor for the Past – A Landmark for the Future* (in Greek)

17.30-17.45: **Ioannis Panayiotopoulos**, Professor, N.K.U.A.

*Archbishop of Athens Chrysostomos Papadopoulos and the Theological Self-Consciousness of the Church of Greece: The Founding of the Journal *Θεολογία* within its Historical and Ecclesiological Context*(in Greek)

17.45-18.00: **Niki Papageorgiou**, Professor, A.U.Th.

*Exploring the Social Dimension in the Journal *Θεολογία*: Trends and Perspectives* (in Greek)

18.00-18.15: **Konstantinos Kotsiopoulos**, Professor, A.U.Th.

*Tradition and Renewal – The Contribution of the Journal *Θεολογία* to the Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Contemporary Challenges* (in Greek)

18.15-18.30: **Vasiliki Stathokosta**, Professor, N.K.U.A.

*The Contribution of the Journal *Θεολογία* to the Cultivation of the Ecumenical Idea in Greece* (in Greek)

18.30-18.45: Discussion

18.45-19.15: Break

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Parallel Session V.1

The Journal Θεολογία/Theologia: History and Contribution [II]

Chair: Prof. Eirini Christinaki, N.K.U.A.

& H.E. Hieronymos, Metropolitan of Larissa and Tyrnavos

19.15-19.30: **Georgios Io. Androutsopoulos**, Associate Professor, N.K.U.A.

The Formation of Ecclesiastical Law through Θεολογία: a tour d'horizon in the Pages of the Homonymous Journal (in Greek)

19.30-19.45: **H.E. Chrysostomos, Metropolitan of Mani**

New Testament Studies in the Journal Θεολογία during the first fifty years (1923-1973) (in Greek)

19.45-20.00: **Vasileios Tsigos**, Professor, A.U.Th.

The Universality of Salvation in Christ in the Journal Θεολογία (in Greek)

20.00: **Very Rev. Grand Ecclesiarch Aetios (Nikiphoros)**, PhD in Law, Cardiff University

The Centennial Contribution of the Journal Θεολογία to Canon Law (in Greek)

20.15-20.30: **Dr. Anastasios G. Maras**, Special Teaching Staff, Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens

The Contribution of the Journal Θεολογία to the Academic Field of Patrology (in Greek)

20.30:-20.45: Discussion

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Parallel Session V.2

The Journal Θεολογία/Theologia: History and Contribution [III]

Chair: Archim. Panteleimon Tsorbatzoglou, PhD in Theology, A.U.Th.
& Prof. Apostolos Kralidis, A.U.Th.

19.15-19.30: **Panayiotis Tzoumerkas**, Associate Professor, A.U.Th.

Contribution of Officials of the Church of Alexandria to the Editorial “Birth” of the Journal Θεολογία of the Church of Greece (in Greek)

19.30-19.45: **Nikolaos F. Tompros**, Assoc. Prof., Hellenic Army Academy.

The Academic Journal Θεολογία during the Interwar Period (in Greek)

19.45-20.00: **Stylianos D. Charalambidis**, Assist. Prof., A.U.Th.

Aspects of Inter-Orthodox and Inter-Christian Relations through the Pages of the Journal Θεολογία (in Greek)

20.00-20.15: **Georgios Kountouris**, Professor, Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens

An Assessment of the Contribution of the Journal Θεολογία to Church History (in Greek)

20.15-20.30: **Dr. Dimitrios Keramidas**, Teaching Staff, Pontificia Università di San Tommaso d’Aquino (Angelicum), Roma

The Dialogue between Orthodoxy and Catholicism through the Journal Θεολογία (in Greek)

20.30-20.45: Discussion

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Special Lecture

Chair: H.E. Gregorios, Metropolitan of Peristerion

9.00-9.45: Prof. **Alessandra Lemma**, Consultant Clinical Psychologist/
Psychoanalyst

The Body, Dependence and Finitude in Digital Times

Session VI

Christian Anthropology, Incarnation and Digital Transhumanism

Chair: H.E. Gregorios, Metropolitan of Peristerion
& Prof. Nikolaos Maghioros, A.U.Th.

9.45-10.00: Greeting Address by a Primate/Representative of a Church

10.00-10.15: **Athanasios Koliofoutis**, PhD, A.U.Th.

Church and the Digital Age “in medias res”: When the Future is Already Present and Influences the Experience of the Ecclesial Event. Findings and Reflections (in Greek)

10.15-10.30: **Fr Doru Costache**, Professor, Australian University College of Divinity, Sydney

Orthodox Theological Anthropology, Deification in Christ, and Technological Enhancement

10.30-10.45: **Fr François Euvé**, Professor, Facultés Loyola, Paris

The imago Dei in the digital age. A Catholic contribution

10.45-11.00: **Fr Răsvan Andrei Ionescu**, Vice Dean of the “Dumitru Stăniloae” Orthodox Center for Studies and Research (CDS) in Paris

Towards a Deified or an Augmented Humanity? A Personal Choice with Existential Impact in an Era of Technology

11.00-11.15: Discussion

11.15 -11.45: Break

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Session VII

*Theological, Philosophical, Psychological,
and Political Dimensions of Modern Technology*

Chair: Prof. Em. Anna Koltsiou-Nikita (A.U.Th.)
& H.E. Platon, Metropolitan of Langadas, Liti and Rentina

11.45-12.00: Greeting Address by a Primate/Representative of a Church
12.00-12.15: **Alexei Nesteruk**, Phd in Physics and Maths, DSc in
Philosophy, Vis. Lecturer at the University of Portsmouth

*The Cosmological Commitment in Orthodox Theology in the Age of Science
and Technology, or Why Theology needs an Update*

12.15-12.30: **Konstantinos Petsios**, Professor, University of Ioannina

«“Essence” and “Accidents” of Artificial Intelligence: The Contributions of
Martin Heidegger and Spyros Kyriazopoulos (in Greek)

12.30-12.45: **Fr Nikolaos Loudovikos**, Professor, University of Ioannina

*Modern Technology and Object Relations: A Psychoanalytic and Theological
Reading (in Greek)*

12.45-13.00: **Archim. Aristarchos Grekas**, Associate Professor, N.K.U.A.
Singularity and Orthodox Theology (in Greek)

13.00-13.15: Discussion

13.15-15.15: Lunch at the Foyer of Building M2, Thessaloniki Concert Hall.

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Session VIII

Artificial Intelligence:

A Specter is Haunting Humanity

Chair: Protopr. Chrysostomos Nassis, Associate Professor, A.U.Th.
& Prof. Ilias Evangelou, A.U.Th.

15.15: Greeting Address by a Primate/Representative of a Church

15.30-15.45: **Christodoulos St. Flordellis**, Professor Emeritus, University of Patras

The Ontological Stakes of Human Nature in the Age of the New Biology and Artificial Intelligence: Neurobiological Prolegomena (in Greek)

15.45-16.00: **Archim. Isidoros Ch. Katsos**, Assist. Professor, N.K.U.A.

A Machine Endowed with Logos? Artificial Intelligence and the Challenge for Theology (in Greek)

16.00-16.15: **Marina Stojanovic**, PhD, University of Belgrade

A Question of Creativity in Digital Age – Artificial Intelligence and Ability of Creation of new Theological Insights and Church Art

16.15-16.30: **Petros Panayiotopoulos**, Associate Professor, A.U.Th.

The Impact of Neurosciences and the Evolving Applications of Artificial Intelligence on Ecclesial Practice (in Greek)

16.30: Discussion

16.45-17.15: Break

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Session IX

The Body, an Empty Shirt:

Theological Responses to Digital Disembodiment

Chair: Ivan Dimitrov, Professor Em., University of Sofia
& Prof. Stylianos Tsombanidis (A.U.Th.)

17.15-17.30: Greeting Address by a Primate/Representative of a Church
17.30-17.45: **Fr Philotheos-Photios Maroudas**, PhD, Université de Strasbourg

An Islamic-Christian Approach to the Concept of the Body in the Digital Age: Orthodox and Sunni Perspectives

17.45-18.00: **Achilleas Dellopoulos**, Postdoctoral Researcher, N.K.U.A.

The Asymptotic Incompatibility of Ecclesial Salvation with Disembodied Existence

18.00-18.15: **H.E. Bartholomaios**, Metropolitan of Polyani and Kilikis

Digital Functionality: The Mystery of the Church on a Screen and the Ontology of the Church

18.15-18.30: **Mariyan Stoyadinov**, Assoc. Professor, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Veliko Tarnovo Univ. "St. Cyril and St. Methodius"

From Alienated Labor to Alienated Intellect – a Commentary from a Theological Perspective

18.30-18.45: Discussion

18.45-19.00: Closing Address: **H.E. Philotheos**, Metropolitan of Thessaloniki, Director of the Publications Department of the C.E.S.C.G.

Conclusion of the Conference Proceedings

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Concert:

“Together, from the Balkans for the Oecumene”

Participating:

Goran Bregović and his ensemble (Serbia)

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Choir of the University of Macedonia

The Holy Church of Ss Cyril and Methodius Children and Youth Choir
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