

Introductory Note

This issue, the second of the journal *Theologia* 96th volume, covers a wide range of topics and includes articles of primarily theological –but, also, of broadly academic– interest.

Specifically, the study of His Eminence the Metropolitan of Messinia Chrysostomos (Savvatos), Professor at the Faculty of Theology of the N.K.U.A. is published as the first article in this issue under the title: “Contribution to the Historical-Dogmatic Investigation of Pauline Ecclesiology on the Basis of *Ephes.* 1, 22-23”. The following is the article of Federico Aguirre, Assoc. Professor of the Theological School Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, titled: “Apophatism and Art”. Then, is published the article by Apostolos Michailidis, Assist. Professor of the Theological School of N.K.U.A., titled: “Secularism in India, from Rammohun Roy and the Reformers of 19th and 20th Centuries up to the Present Day”.

The next article of the issue is by Rev. Augustinos Bairactaris, Assoc. Professor of the Patriarchal University Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete, under the title: “The Issue of Dominance: Religious Identity, Individualism and the Paradigm of Religious Pluralism in a Democratic Society”. Follows the article by Nikolaos A. Denaxas, Assist. Professor of the Theological School of N.K.U.A., titled: “Theology as a Contribution to the Field of Social Sciences: Its Relationship with Education and Dialogue with Sociology”. Then is published the article by Ioannis N. Ladas, Dr. of Philosophy of the N.K.U.A. and Dr. of Theology of the A.U.Th. under the title: “The Proposal of the Patriarchs of Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem for the Expedited Convening of a Great Local or even Ecumenical Council in 1924”.

Subsequently, the study of Konstantinos Georgiadis, Dr. of Theology of the A.U.Th., is published under the title: “Political Theology in the Confrontation between the *Fatherly* and the *Brotherly Teaching* (1798-1821): God of Freedom or Subconscious Servility under a Phil-Orthodox

Pretext?”. Next is the article of Angeliki G. Toka, who holds an MSc in Classical Philology from the Faculty of Philosophy of the A.U.Th., under the title: “Canon 12/Apostolic: “Unaccepted” or “Accepted”? A Philological-Canonical Interpretative Attempt”. Next comes the study by Khader I. Alkhouri, Dr. of Theology of the Faculty of Theology of the N.K.U.A., titled: “The Psychology of Religion from an Islamic Perspective”.

The next article of the issue is by Despina Ioannou-Vasiliou, Doctor of Theology of the University of Nicosia (UNIC), under the title: “The Purity of the Mind as a Prerequisite for Theosis. Contribution to Christian Anthropology and Ethics”. The last article of the issue is by Myron Zacharakis, PhD Candidate in Philosophy of the N.K.U.A., under the title: “Seraphim Rose: American ‘Fundamentalist’ or a Twentieth Century Saint?”.

After the aforementioned articles in the column “Idiomela” the study by Argyrios Oikonomou, PhD Candidate in Dogmatic Theology at the Faculty of Theology of the N.K.U.A., is published under the title: “Theologian Painter Yannis Tsarouchis. Theological Approaches in his Life and Work”.

At the end of this issue, the program of the Second International Scientific Conference of the Journal *Theologia*, organized by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece, is published with the general theme: “Orthodox Theology and the ‘Ontology’ of Technology: Anthropological, Political, Economic, Social, and Cultural Consequences”, the work of which, with God’s help, will be held in Thessaloniki from September 29 to October 1, 2025.

The next issue of *Theologia* [vol. 96, 3 (2025)] will be dedicate to the theme: “Religion and Health”.

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