

Accommodation Information

Serving as the official conference hotel will be the **Hilton Boston-Dedham Hotel**. The hotel (1-800-445-8667 or 1-781-329-7900) will extend conference attendees the special room rate of \$85.00 per night to attendees identifying themselves with the Hellenic College/Holy Cross Conference. This special rate is good until September 27, 2005 after which the rooms will be released back to the hotel.

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

Send payment and registration form to:

Violence and Spirituality Conference, Office of the Dean Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02445

Please direct your questions and concerns to: Eleni Geanon (617) 850-1277, alumni@hchc.edu

REGISTRATION FEE INFORMATION:

Full Conference Fee, includin	ng meals (room fee not included):
By September 20:	\$80.00
After September 20:	\$100.00
One-day Registration Fee	

One-day Registration Fee:The per diem registration fee:\$35.00

Please check below the days of attendance: O Thursday O Friday O Saturday

Total Days _____ X \$35.00/day = \$

Make check payable to: Hellenic College/Holy Cross



About the conference

HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY IS HONORED TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, VIOLENCE AND CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY: An Ecumenical Conversation. The purpose of this international conference is to sensitize the Christian churches of their responsibility to work and contribute their resources in developing a culture of peace and justice to overcome violence, oppression and despair that has led to explosions of cruelty and terror in many parts of the world. The scope of the conference will be achieved by exploring the root causes of violence in the contemporary context and the challenges to the Christian churches in response to violence. This approach necessitates an interdisciplinary and critical perspective involving contributions by social scientists, theologians, religious and community leaders.

Violence is a universal scourge that tears at the core fabric of community and, as such, is an immediate threat to human life. The physical, psychological and spiritual consequences of violence reach far beyond those directly afflicted: children, loved ones and neighbors all share in the trauma of violence. The far-reaching repercussions of violence are further accentuated when the source of the trauma comes from those in nurturing roles such as parent, spouse, relative or trusted friend.

By extending invitations to the world's foremost authorities in the critical study of peace and violence, the Orthodox Christian community views this program as an opportunity to contribute directly to the DECADE TO OVERCOME VIOLENCE (2001-2010) initiative of the World Council of Churches and to the NON-VIOLENCE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD (2001-10) declaration of the United Nations. Through the study of the multiple and complex aspects of violence, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, consistent with its mission to offer pastoral solutions to the challenges and complexities of the contemporary world, intends to broaden those aspects of the Eastern Christian tradition that contribute to the building of a culture of peace.



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PROGRAM



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 4:00 p.m. Registration Maliotis Cultural Center, Holy Cross School of Theology
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers Chapel of the Holy Cross
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Condakes Hall

Conference Introduction – Main Hall, Maliotis Cultural Center, Holy Cross

7:00 p.m Welcome and Remarks **Rev. Fr. Nicholas C. Triantafilou**, President of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Greetings

"Overcoming Violence: An Ecumenical Christian Task" **Dr. Samuel Kobia**, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches

7:30 p.m. Keynote Address

"A Christian Spirituality of Peace and Justice in a Violent World" His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America, Lic. Th., Th.D., Ph.D.



8:00 a.m. Matins – Chapel of the Holy Cross

8:30 a.m. Breakfast – Condakes Hall

Session I: Main Hall Maliotis Cultural Center

- 9:15 a.m. *"Religion, Violence and Peacemaking"* **Dr. Marc Gopin**, James H. Laue Professor of World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution Institute for Conflict Resolution George Mason University, Arlington, VA
- 9:45 a.m. *"Religious Fundamentalisms and Interfaith Dialogue"* **Dr. Tarek Mitri**, Inter-Religious Relations and Dialogue, World Council of Churches

- 10:05 a.m. "Peace, Human Development, and Overcoming Violence" Dr. Ioannis Petrou, Professor of Social Ethics, School of Theology, University of Thessalonike
- 10:25 a.m. *"Witnessing the Peace of God in a Violent World"* Dr. Antonios Kireopoulos, Associate General Secretary for International Affairs and Peace, National Council of Churches, USA
- 10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Condakes Hall

SESSION II: MAIN HALL MALIOTIS CULTURAL CENTER

- 2:00 p.m. *"Christian Anthropology for a Culture of Peace"* **Dr. Athanasios N. Papathanasiou**, Editor of Synaxis
- 2:20 p.m. *"Violence and the Freudian 'Death Instinct' from a Christian Orthodox Point View"* **Rev. Dr. Adamantios Avgoustides**, University of Athens, Greece
- 2:40 p.m. "Domestic Violence Violence against Women: A Panel Discussion"
 Rev. Dr. Diane C. Kessler, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches
 Dr. Kyriaki FitzGerald, Project Coordinator, St. Catherine's Vision
 Dr. Philip Mamalakis, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 3:45 p.m. Refreshment Break
- 4:00 p.m. Discussion
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers Chapel of the Holy Cross
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner Condakes Hall
- 7:00 p.m. An Evening Address Main Hall, Maliotis Cultural Center

"Ecumenical Perspectives on Religion Freedom and Human Rights" **Dr. John Witte, Jr.**, Jonas Robitscher Professor of Law and Ethics Director of the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Responses:

Dr. David Little, T.J. Dermot Dunphy Professor of the Practice in Religion, Ethnicity, and International Conflict and Fellow at the Weatherhead Center of International Affairs, Harvard University
Rev. Dr. David Hollenbach, S.J., The Margaret O'Brien Flatley Chair in Catholic Theology, Boston College
Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Associate Director, Institute on Religion and World Affairs, Boston University



- 8:00 a.m. Matins Chapel of the Holy Cross
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Condakes Hall

Session III: Main Hall Maliotis Cultural Center

- 9:00 a.m. *"Nonviolence in the Orthodox Tradition"* **Rev. Dr. George Tsetsis**, Ecumenical Patriarchate
- 9:20 a.m. *"Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the Patristic Tradition"* **Rev. Dr. George Dion Dragas**, Professor of Patristics, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 9:50 a.m. *"Building an Identity of Forgiveness and Reconciliation"* **Dr. Rodney L. Petersen**, Executive Director of the Boston Theological Institute
- 10:10 a.m. "A Trinitarian Approach to Ecumenical Peace-Church Ecclesiology"
 Rev. Dr. Fernando Enns, Professor of Systematic Theology Ecumenical Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany
- 10:40 a.m. Refreshment Break
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Condakes Hall

$Session \ IV: \ {\rm Main \ Hall \ Maliotis \ Cultural \ Center}$

- 2:00 p.m. *"Social Change, Violence and Religion"* Dr. Paschalis Kitromilidis, Professor of Political Science, University of Athens, Greece
- 2:20.p.m. *"Blessed are the Peacemakers"* **Rev. Dr. Thomas FitzGerald**, Professor of Church History, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 2:40 p.m. *"Discerning the Spirit of God in an Ambivalent World"* **Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Clapsis**, Professor of Systematic Theology, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 3:00 p.m. "Praying and Experiencing God's Justice and Peace in the Liturgy" Rev. Dr. Alkiviadis Calivas, Professor Emeritus of Liturgics, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 3:20 p.m. Refreshment Break

3:30 p.m. Discussion

- 4:00 p.m. *"The Saints: An Embodied Presence of God's Peace"* **Dr. James Skedros**, Associate Professor of Early Christianity and Byzantine History, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 4:15 p.m. *"The Spirit of Compassion in the Canonical Tradition of the Church"* Dr. Lewis Patsavos, Professor of Canon Law, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
 4:30 p.m. Discussion and Listener's Report
- 5:15 p.m. Great Vespers Chapel of the Holy Cross
- 7:30 p.m. Reception and Dinner Condakes Hall



Note: Program subject to change without notice.

"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

-- PHILIPPIANS 4:9