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in Celebration of Eighty Years of Sources Chrétiennes

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Eighty Years of *Sources Chrétiennes* (1942/43–2023)

With volumes lining the shelves of libraries around the world, *Sources Chrétiennes* is the most important bilingual series of critical editions in the field of Patrology, boasting of more than 600 titles in its collection. Its eighty-year long journey began with the publication of St. Gregory of Nyssa's treatise *On the Life of Moses* in 1942–43 by Jean Daniélou, who, together with Henri de Lubac and Claude Mondésert—academic theologians and Jesuit priests like himself—conceived of the series and established its editorial framework. Today, we are celebrating the completion of eighty years since the publication of this first volume that launched the series *Sources Chrétiennes* with an International Conference dedicated to the Fathers of the Church. As the title of the Conference implies, the aim is to highlight the continued relevance of the Fathers' preaching for the modern world. Though we are separated from them by many centuries, and we live in a world that hardly resembles theirs, on account of the tectonic shifts brought about in the modern age by the industrial revolution and the rapid developments of science and technology, their writings have retained their enduring value to the present day. They are, to use the famous phrase of Thucydides, *κτῆμα ἐς αἰεὶ* — “a possession for all time” given to humanity. Besides the Gospel message that they transmit about redemption from sin and death, they also instruct and educate man. By studying them, we obtain the benefit that is offered, according to the ancient Greek historian, by every work destined for eternity: *τῶν τε γενομένων τὸ σαφές σκοπεῖν καὶ τῶν μελλόντων ποτὲ αὔθις κατὰ τὸ ἀνθρώπινον*—that is to say, they provide us with a proper understanding of the events that have marked our past and that are likely to repeat in a similar fashion in the future, due to the fixed laws governing human nature (*History I*, 22, 4). Human nature and its laws, as understood by the Fathers of the Church and analyzed in their sermons, treatises, and interpretative writings, provide the thematic framework for the scholarly concerns to be addressed by the Conference, which takes place today in honor of the series *Sources Chrétiennes* through the cooperation of academic institutions from Greece and France.

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Monday 26/6

EVENING

Opening Session

Chair: Symeon Paschalidis

- 19:00 Registration**
- 19:30 Welcome speeches by university, political and ecclesiastical authorities**
- 20:15 M. Vinzent**
Nature: Private Property or Common Good?
- 20:50 Byzantine Choir of the Faculty of Theology 'The Three Hierarchs' under the direction of Prof. Io. Liakos**
- Food and refreshments

Tuesday 27/6

MORNING

Session One

"The Creation of Man According to the Image of God (Gn 1:26) — Man as the Crown of Creation"

Chair: Markus Vinzent

- 9:00 É. Ayrout**
Irenaeus of Lyons: Human Freedom and the Divine Image or the Overcoming of the Dilemma between Autonomy and Heteronomy
- 9:20 Th. Pittaras**
Man as Creature 'according to the Image of God' in the Theology of Athanasius of Alexandria (GR)
- 9:40 F. Simeoni**
*Le visage de l'homme, charnière de l'invisible, frontière du mor tel.
Gn 2:7 entre Philon d'Alexandrie et Basile de Césarée*
- 10:00 F. Vinel**
Grégoire de Nysse : vers une définition de l'âme dans le traité 'De la création de l'homme' et le traité 'De l'âme et la résurrection'
- 10:20 Discussion**
- Break-Coffee

Session Two

"So the Lord God took the man and put him in his garden of delight, to cultivate and tend it (Gn 2:15) — Paradise, the Tree of Knowledge and the Fall"

Chair: Guillaume Bady

- 11:00 G. Aragione**
Traces de motifs archétypaux dans la protologie de Tatien
- 11:20 M. Brugarolas**
The Life of Adam and Eve in Paradise according to the Cappadocian Fathers
- 11:40 S. Paschalidis**
A 'Crux Interpretum': The Wood of Knowledge (Gen 2:9) in the Hermeneutical Proposals of the Fathers of the First Centuries and their Reception in the Middle Ages

12:00 L. Dincă

The Sin of Man and the Salvation of God in the Double Treatise of Saint Athanasius of Alexandria: 'Against the Pagans' and 'On the Incarnation of the Word'

12:20 Discussion

Tour of the Museum of Byzantine Culture in Thessaloniki

Lunch

AFTERNOON

Session Three

“Ecotheology Part I: the Impact of the Fall on the Relationship Between Man and Nature”

Chair: Chrysostomos Stamoulis

17:00 A. Paparnakis

Creation and Fall in 'Ad Autolyicum' of Theophilus of Antioch

17:20 G. Bady

The Idea of 'Degrowth' by the Fathers of the Church

17:40 M. Cutino

The Eschatological Restoration of Creation in the Patristic Literature of 4th and 5th Century (GR)

18:00 A. Torrance

Through Repentance the Whole World Is Held Together: St. Mark the Monk on the Cosmic Dimensions of Christian Life

18:20 Discussion

Break-Coffee

Session Four

“Ecotheology Part II: Nature as School of Virtue and Path to Knowing God”

Chair: Françoise Vinel

19:00 M. Chaieb

Nature et homme, nature de l'homme chez Irénée de Lyon

19:20 M. Fédou

Le monde visible selon Origène : la nature, chemin vers la connaissance de Dieu

19:40 A. Lampadaridi

Miracles et animaux dans la 'Vie d'Hilarion' par Jérôme (BHL 3879): l'apport des versions grecques

20:00 M.-G. Guérard

Plantes et arbres dans le Commentaire sur le Cantique de Nil d' Ancyre

20:20 Discussion

Dinner



Wednesday 28/6

MORNING

Session Five

“Humankind Before and After the Fall Part I: the Relationship Between Man and Woman”

Chair: Dominique Gonnet

- 9:00 M. Stavrou**
L'anthropologie homme-femme après la chute chez les Pères cappadociens
- 9:20 F. Ioannidis**
Marriage according to St. Augustine of Hippo (GR)
- 9:40 P. Argarate**
Sex, Lust and Marriage according to the Fourth Century Syriac Anonymous 'Book of Steps' (Liber Graduum)
- 10:00 A. Étaix**
De 1 Tim 2:15 à Gal 3:27 : la relation entre le genre et le choix délibéré dans les commentaires de Jean Chrysostome
- 10:20 Discussion**
Break-Coffee

Session Six

“Humankind Before and After the Fall Part II: Social Inequalities in the Light of Natural Law”

Chair: Constantine Bozinis

- 11:00 M. Huggins**
St. Gregory of Nazianzen's Oration 'On the Love of the Poor'
- 11:20 C. Broc-Schmezer**
Une vigne, une femme et la justice : le personnage de Jézabel chez Jean Chrysostome
- 11:40 C. Fauchon-Claudon and S. Marculescu**
L'hospitalité et ses fondements bibliques chez les Pères de l'Église : entre théologie et praxis
- 12:00 A. Müller**
The Christian Transformation of φιλανθρωπία in Late Antiquity
- 12:20 Discussion**
Visit of archaeological sites of Thessaloniki (arch and palace of Galerius)
Lunch

AFTERNOON

Session Seven

“Monarchy and Monotheism Part I: the Political Vision of Eusebius of Caesarea and the Reactions to It”

Chair: Apostolos Kralidis

- 17:00 D. O'Meara**
The Ideology of Monarchy: Eusebius of Caesarea and the Platonists of Late Antiquity



- 17:20 C. Christou**
Eusebius between the Old and the New World (GR)
- 17:40 R. Dougherty**
St. Augustine's 'Specula Principum': The Qualities of Virtuous Rulership
- 18:00 C. Bozinis**
'Unus deus et rex unus'? Dissent from Eusebian Political Theology in John Chrysostom and the Cappadocians
- 18:20 Discussion**
Break-Coffee



Session Eight

“Monarchy and Monotheism Part II: the Church-State Relationship”

Chair: *Élie Ayroutet*

- 19:00 J. Reynard**
Perspectives sur la vision politique des Cappadociens
- 19:20 G. Zografidis**
Greek Fathers, Natural Law and the Christian Empire
- 19:40 D. Gonnet**
Church and State according to Pope Gelasius (492–496)
- Speech at the Vesper of the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul**
- 20:00 Chr. Filiotis-Vlachavas**
The Pauline Adam-Christ Typology according to Irenaeus of Lyons and Cyrill of Alexandria: between Protology and Eschatology (GR)
- Dinner

Thursday 29/6

MORNING

Panegyric Divine Liturgy at the Katholikon of the Vlatadon Monastery for the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul

Break-Coffee

Anniversary Session

Co-Chairs: *Theodoros Giagkou and Marie-Hélène Congourdeau*

- 11:00 S. Paschalidis**
The Patriarchal Institute for Patristic Studies: from the Vision of the 20th Century to a New Outlook for the 21st Century
- 11:20 G. Bady and D. Gonnet**
What is 'Ressourcement' Today with Sources Chrétiennes?
- 11:40 D. Kaklamanos**
The Contribution of Sources Chrétiennes to the Critical Edition of Byzantine Hymnographic and Hagiographic Texts (GR)
- 12:00 T. Denecker**
Presentation of the database 'Sources Chrétiennes Online' (SCO) by Brepols Publishing House
- 12:20 Signing of the MoU between the Patriarchal Institute for Patristic Studies and HiSoMa / Sources Chrétiennes**
- Lunch

AFTERNOON

Special Session

“Patristic Hermeneutics in Dialogue: Part I”

Chair: Marie Chaieb

- 16:00 S. Ganeri**
L'interprétation des Pères de l'Église est-elle un héritage de la tradition rabbinique ?
- 16:20 Chr. Guignard**
Une alliance avec Adam chez Irénée ? À propos d'un passage très discuté de l' 'Adversus haereses' (III, 11, 8 sub fine)
- 16:40 E. Tsalamponi**
Contemporary Ecological Hermeneutics in Dialogue with Patristic Exegesis: the Case of Origen
- 17:00 É. Ayroulet**
Saint Maxime le Confesseur : un exemple d'exégèse théologique
- 17:20 Discussion**
Break-Coffee

“Patristic Hermeneutics in Dialogue: Part II”

Chair: Christos Filiotis-Vlachavas

- 18:00 K. Papademetriou**
Around a Charcoal Fire with Fish. The Appearance of the Risen Christ at Tiberias, according to Patristic Interpretive Receptions (John 21:1-23)
- 18:20 D. Zaganas**
Patristic Exegeses in Dialogue with Origen's Commentary on Jonah
- 18:40 J. Farrugia**
The Creation of Man and the Abuse of Nature in the Homilies of St. Gregory of Nyssa
- 19:00 M. Nivault**
Les salutations dans les homélies de Jean Chrysostome
- 19:20 G. Vasilakis**
Semiotics and Patristic Exegesis: Reading with St. John Chrysostom the Dialogue of Jesus with the Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-42)
- 19:40 Discussion**
- 20:00 Concert with classical and modern Greek music**
Dinner

Friday 30/6

MORNING

- 8:00 Excursion to Halkidiki**
I. Cruise across the western side of the Holy Mountain of Athos
II. Tour around ancient Stageira, the homeland of Aristotle

EVENING

- 20:00 Return to Thessaloniki**

Saturday 1/7

Departure

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The Conference proceedings will be held in the lecture hall of the Society for Macedonian Studies until Wednesday afternoon on the 28th of June, after which point, they will continue in the auditorium of the Patriarchal Institute for Patristic Studies until the conclusion of the Conference.



The depiction of Adam giving names to the animals (Gen 2:19–20) on the first page of the program comes from a fresco in the Catholicon of the Monastery of Saint Nikolas Anapafsas in Meteora. It was painted by the renowned iconographer Theophanes the Cretan at the end of the 16th century.

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