

## Second Annual OCABS Symposium

January 23–24, 2015

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church  
4530 E. Gold Dust Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85028

**Thursday, January 22.** Arrival and check-in of presenters and guests. No formal activities are planned, but pre-arranged evening fellowship at a local pub is encouraged. Contact Nicolae Roddy at 402.490.5651 for details.

**Friday, January 23.** The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the church auditorium. Each presentation is allotted 45 minutes, including time for questions and/or brief discussion; thus it is suggested that the presentation itself be limited to 35 minutes.

**8:30–9:15 a.m.**      **Fr. Chris Salamy** (St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Phoenix, AZ)  
*Physical Health and The Body of Christ*

**9:15–10:00 a.m.**      **Dr. Eugenia Constantinou** (University of San Diego, San Diego, CA)  
*Hebrews in the Greek Orthodox Lenten Lectionary as Theological Explanation of Christ's Atonement and Role as Great High Priest*

**10:00–10:15 a.m.**      Break (15 mins)

**10:15–11:00 a.m.**      **Fr Panteleimon Klostri** (St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church, East Longmeadow, MA) *No Longer a Slave but an Heir – Adoption into the Household of God*

**11:00–11:45 a.m.**      **Fr. Timothy Lowe** (St. Mary's Assumption Albanian Orthodox Church, Worcester, MA) *The Gospel of Matthew—The Torah reinterpreted for Jew and Non-Jew*

**11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**      Lunch

**1:00–1:45 p.m.**      **Fr. Marc Boulos** (St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church, Eagan, MN)  
*Stay as You Are: Slavery and Hierarchy in Paul's Gospel*

**1:45–2:30 p.m.**      **Dr. Richard Benton** (Independent researcher, Eagan, MN)  
*The Sins of Apostasy and Militarism in Hosea*

**2:30–2:45 p.m.**      Break

**2:45–3:30 p.m.**      **Fr. Aaron Warwick** (St. Mary Orthodox Church, Wichita, KS)  
*John 20: Jesus Remains Present With Us Through His Teaching*

**3:30–4:15 p.m.**      **Fr. Ron Poworoznik** (Independent Researcher, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada) *Questions of Life: A Practical Introduction To The Christian Faith*

**4:15–5:00 p.m.**      **Mr. Timothy Dooley** (St. Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY)  
*I Have Called You Gods: Divine Men in the Book of Acts*

**Saturday, January 24.** The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. in the church auditorium. Each presentation is allotted 45 minutes, including time for questions and/or brief discussion; thus it is suggested that the presentation itself be limited to 35 minutes.

**8:30–9:15 a.m.**      **Fr. Damaskinos (Elias) Issa** (Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA)  
*The Image of the Throne in the Book of Revelation: Patristic Reception and Exegetical Proposal*

**9:15–10:00 a.m.**      **Mr. Joshua Schooping** (St. Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, NY) *Shall We Then be Baptized for the Dead?*

**10:00–10:45 a.m.**      **Dr. Tom Dykstra** (Independent Researcher, Bellevue, WA)  
*Did Israel Exist? Similarities between Historical Israel and Historical Jesus Studies*

**10:45–11:00 a.m.**      Break

**11:00–12:00 a.m.**      Roundtable: Looking Forward: *The Mission and Future of OCABS*. (The roundtable discussion is for the scholars in attendance and is closed to the public).

**12:00–1:30 p.m.**      Lunch

**1:30–2:45 p.m.**      Meet the Orthodox biblical scholars. This is a special session for members of the audience to ask questions arising from the presentations. All those present are invited and encouraged to participate.

**2:45–3:00 p.m.**      Break

**3:00–4:45 p.m.**      **Dr. Nicolae Roddy** (Creighton University, Omaha, NE): *Excavating the Home of the Disciples, and What Does any of this Have to Do with the Gospel?*

**4:45 – 5:00 p.m.**      Closing remarks

**5:00 p.m.**              Vespers

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