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XXV International Ecumenical Conference of Orthodox Spirituality

THE GIFT OF HOSPITALITY

Bose, 6–9 September 2017

in collaboration with the Orthodox Churches

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**The glory of Christians is hospitality toward strangers and true compassion for them.
The glory and salvation of Christians is always to have as guests at their table the poor,
orphans and strangers, for Christ shall never distance himself from such a house!
St Ephrem the Syrian**

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Wednesday 6 September

9:30 am

To Receive Humanity on a Habitable Earth

Opening Speech of His All Holiness ? **Bartholomeos I**

Archbishop of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarch

‘I was a stranger and you welcomed me’ (Mt 25,35)

Enzo Bianchi, Founder of Bose

Discerning the blessing of the stranger

His Beatitude ? **Theodoros II**

Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa

3:30 pm

“Give me the Stranger who has welcomed strangers” (Triodion, Holy Saturday). A theological understanding of hospitality

Chrysostomos Stamoulis, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki

‘For here we have no lasting city, but look for the one to come’ (Hebr 13:14): Xenitéia and Philoxenía in Orthodox Tradition

Marcus Plested, Marquette University, Milwaukee WI

Theía Philoxenía. Abraham's Hospitality in Patristic Theology:
Divine Hospitality as a Ground for Divine and Human Interaction.
Peter Mikhailov, St Tikhon University, Moscow

Thursday 7 September

Receiving the enemy in the fathers of the desert
? Epiphanius of St Macarius, Scete, Egypt

Hospitality in the Rule of Saint Benedict
Fotios Ioannidis, Aristotle University, of Thessaloniki

The spiritual work of xenitéia in John Climacus
Justin Sinaitis, Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai

3:30 pm

Hosts, guests, strangers: Russian emigration encounters with new contexts
Nadia Kizenko, University at Albany, New York

Hospitality as a spiritual work. Paisij Velikovsky and his multiethnic community
Anna Briskina-Müller, Martin-Luther-University, Halle-Wittenberg

Hospitality of the Iviron Monastery at the Crossroads of Orthodox Spiritual Traditions
Giorgi Zviadadze, Tbilisi Theological Academy

Friday 8 September

Divine Liturgy

9:00 am

The Sacrament of hospitality. A liturgical understanding of hospitality and communion
Paul Meyendorff, Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood NY

Eucharistic hospitality: a phenomenological analysis of recent Orthodox theology
Radu Bordeianu, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

3:30 pm

The typology the strannik and the perception of the "stranger" in Russian Orthodoxy
Vera Shevzov, Smith College, Northampton, MA

The hospitable God in the religions that have Abraham as father
Claudio Monge, Dominican Studies, Istanbul

The dialogue with Islam in the Antiochian Church
Boulos Wehbe, Notre Dame University, Beirut

Saturday 9 September

‘Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers’ (Hebr 13:2). The tradition of hospitality in Russian monasteries

Hegumen Iosif (Krjukov) Moscow Podvor’e of the Valaam Monastery

Athonite Hospitality and Christian Ethos

Hegumen **Elisseos, Monastery of Simonopetra**, Mount Athos (read by fr. Theotokis)

Monastic hospitality and reconciliation between the Churches

fr. Alois, Prior of Taizé

Conclusions

Michel Van Parys, Monastery of Chevetogne

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