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SPIRITUAL STRUGGLE
IN THE ORTHODOX TRADITION

Wednesday 9 September

9:00 am

OPENING SESSION

The Spiritual Struggle: Biblical Approaches
ENZO BIANCHI, *Prior of Bose*

The Theology of Asceticism
? FILARET OF MINSK-SLUCK, *Minsk*

4:00 pm

Discernment and Struggle against Thoughts
in Russian Ascetic Tradition
? AMVROSIJ OF GAT?INA, *Sankt-Peterburg*

Sorrow and Tears: Body, Soul, and Spirit
(St John Climacus and the Sinaite Tradition)
IOUSTINOS SINAITIS, *Monastery of St Catherine, Sinai*

Thursday 10 September

9:00 am

The Struggle for Prayer: St Isaac the Syrian
ANDRÉ LOUF, *Mont-des-Cats*

The Struggle for Charity: St Maxim the Confessor
ANDREW LOUTH, *Durham*

4:00 pm

Spiritual Struggle and the Dangers of Extreme Asceticism
VASSILIS SAROGLOU, *Louvain-la-Neuve*

Formation in the Spiritual Struggle Today:
Greece and Bulgaria
- Ig. IAKOVOS, Petraki Monastery (*Athens*)
- ? GRIGORIJE OF VELIKO TARNOVO, *Veliko Tarnovo*

Friday 11 September

9:00 am

The Exchange of Spiritual Gifts
- HERVÉ LEGRAND (*Paris*)
- ANTONIO RIGO (*Venice*)

Resistance to Evil and Healing:
Luke of Simferopol
VASILIJ MARUŠ?AK, *Simferopol*

4:00 pm

The Body in the Spiritual Struggle: "Gastrimarghia" (Gluttony)
Fr. JOHN CHRYSSAVGIS, *Bath*

Formation in the Spiritual Struggle Today:
Serbia and Russia
- ? PORFIRJE OF JEGAR, Monastery of Kovilj (*Novi Sad*)
- Ig. PETR MEŠ?ERINOV, Danilovskij Monastery (*Moscow*)

Saturday 12 September

9:30 am

Spiritual Struggle for Church Unity
? GEORGE OF BYBLOS, BOTRYS

AND MOUNT LEBANON, *Broummana*

The Spiritual Struggle in the Contemporary World
? KALLISTOS OF DIOKLEIA, *Oxford*

CONCLUSIONS

"If we are asked to share
the spiritual struggle of the ascetics of every age,
we must be aware that this struggle
is nothing else than the result of another much deeper reality:
Christ's love."

(Mgr Emilianos Timiadis)

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