Florovsky Symposium 2016

Bringing forth treasures new and old:
Themes in Contemporary Orthodox Theology

In Memory of Fr Matthew Baker

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at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology,
Brookline MA
The Florovsky Symposium 2016 continues the work of the annual symposia in honor of Fr Georges Florovsky begun at Princeton in 2011. These annual symposia have become known as gatherings where established scholars, clergy, graduate students, seminarians, and believers from around the country and the world can meet and mingle in mutual study of the truths of Christian faith.

The Pappas Patristic Institute at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline MA, where both Fr Georges Florovsky and the late Fr Matthew Baker taught, will host this year’s symposium. The conference will examine themes in contemporary Orthodox theology, framed by the interests and concerns of both Florovsky and the late Fr Matthew Baker, an instrumental figure in the work of previous symposia. Fr Matthew’s budding vocation as both scholar and priest was cut short by his tragic death at the beginning of Lent 2015. As a tribute to his memory and a furtherance of his legacy, this year’s symposium will feature four plenary speakers covering broad themes inspired by his life and work:

- Alexis Torrance (University of Notre Dame), on the theological thought and legacy of Fr Matthew Baker
- Alexis Klimoff (Vassar College), on the past, present, and future of publishing the writings of Fr Georges Florovsky
- Marcus Plested (Marquette University), on Orthodox engagement with Western Christian thought

We also encourage those interested to submit abstracts for short papers in concurrent sessions on content that falls under the following general categories:

- relation between philosophy and theology
- history, tradition, and interpretation
- ethics, morality, and virtue
- ecclesiology and the ecumenical movement

Please send abstracts and address questions to florov@princeton.edu by March 7, 2016. Check back for more details and information on registration, to be posted soon, at http://www.hchc.edu/patristics/programs