



Oxford Patristic & Byzantine Study Week

Friday 3rd – Wednesday 8th ♦ JULY 2015

Organized by **Ainos Cultural Society** in cooperation with
the **University of Winchester**, the **Orthodox Theological Research Forum**,
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The aim of this study week is to explore the convergence between **Patristic & Byzantine Studies** in modern scholarship. It comprises lectures by eminent personalities in the fields of Patristic, Byzantine and Syriac Studies, seminars / reading classes, discussions, guided tours in Oxford colleges and libraries, cultural events and dialogues between artists, scholars and the wider public on sacred art, history and spirituality.

Although Patristic and Byzantine studies overlap to a certain extent, they are approached very often as distinct areas with distinct methodologies. The main point of this study week is to emphasize the need of interdisciplinarity between Patristic and Byzantine studies.

People who will join the event will have the opportunity to attend lectures by distinguished scholars in both fields who will offer talks on various aspects of these fields.

Speakers include:

- Metropolitan of Diokleia Kallistos Ware**, Oxford ▶ **Professor Andrew Louth**, Durham
- ▶ **Professor Sebastian Brock**, Oxford ▶ **Professor Richard Price**, London
- ▶ **Dr Mary Cunningham**, Nottingham ▶ **Dr Ida Toth**, Oxford ▶ **Dr Andreas Andreopoulos**, Winchester
- ▶ **Dr Julia Konstantinovskiy**, Oxford ▶ **Dr Eirini Panou**, Jerusalem
- ▶ **Dr Niki Tsironis**, Athens ▶ **Fr Stephen Platt**, Oxford ▶ **George Calofonos**, Athens
- ▶ **Rebecca White**, Oxford ▶ **Veronique Magnes**, Athens ▶ **Theofili Kampianaki**, Oxford

There will also be reading classes and discussions on the topics addressed in the main lectures.

On **Saturday evening** there will be evening prayers at the **Orthodox Church of Canterbury Road** and a garden party at the lawn of St Gregory and St Macrina House. On **Sunday** we shall attend the Divine Liturgy at the **Russian Orthodox Church** with **Fr Stephen Platt** as celebrant. In the evening, a choice of cultural events will complete the programme of this study week in Oxford along with a banquet.

For those who wish there will be a visit to the Monastery of Saint John the Baptist in Essex after the end of the study week (Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th July). Please let us know if you are interested to attend.

The study week is intended as an intergenerational event with senior speakers and mid-career scholars assisted by doctoral and post-doctoral students leading the reading sessions.

All lectures, reading classes and discussions will be held in English.

The Study Week starts on Friday 3rd July at 10:00 am and the inaugural event dedicated to THE SACRED IN ART will take place in the afternoon 5:00-7:00 pm and shall be followed by a reception at the garden of Wolfson College. The contemporary **Greek artists** who shall make presentations and exhibit their work are: **Venia Dimitrakopoulou**, **Aimilia Papaphilippou**, **Pavlos Samios** and **Vana Xenou**.

Accommodation will be limited.

Early booking will secure accommodation at Wolfson College or in other places in Oxford. Please make your own travel arrangements as soon as possible in order to get low air fares.

For information please write to admin@ainosculture.org / Our travel agents may assist you with booking.

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