

The Archangel Michael battles with Satan and casts him out of heaven. The Church must depend not on the world but on her own divine life to exist. Evolving Church Ministry, reflected in the past, present and future of Canon Law, assists in achieving this end.



*Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed"
(Revelation 12, 10)*

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The Past, Present and Future of Canon Law

An Evolving Church Ministry

ATHENS

METROPOLIS OF PERISTERI

September 16-20, 2024

MONDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

CONGRESS OPENING

- 12:00-18:00 CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE CONGRESS MATERIALS
18:00 **Opening of Congress:** Metrop. KYRILLOS OF KRINIS (Athens)

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

THE NATURE OF CANON LAW

- 09:00-09:30 **The Points of Contact between the Catholic and the Orthodox Understanding of the Nature of Canon Law**
PETAR POPOVIC (Rome)
- 09:30-10:00
PETER PETKOFF (Oxford)
- 10:00-11:00 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30-12:00 **The Nature of Canon Law**
PATRICK VALDRINI (Rome)
- 12:00-12:30 **Law as Rational Social Order Illuminated by Faith in the Church**
VLADIMIR NARSIA (Tbilisi)
- 12:30-13:00 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 13:00-15:30 LUNCH/BREAK
- 15:30-16:30 PANEL DISCUSSION: **Issues of Renewal and Reform of Canon Law**
- ANARGYROS ANAPLIOTIS (München)
 - DOBROMIR DIMITROV (Trnovo-London)
 - PATRICIU VLAICU (Cluj-Napoca)
 - WILLIAM BLEIZIFFER (Blaj)
 - ALEXANDER LASCHUK (Toronto)
 - MICHAEL KUCHERA (Rome)
- 16:30-17:30 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 17:30-18:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 18:00-19:30 Transport to Archdiocese of Athens/Audience with His Beatitude Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece
- 20:00 DINNER AT DIONYSOS (*next to the Akropolis*)

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER

WHO DECIDES IN THE CHURCH

- 09:00-09:30 **New Canon Law by the Holy and Great Council of Crete? From Prohibition... to Adoption**
AETIOS NIKIFOROS (Ecum. Patriarchate)
- 09:30-10:00 **Who Decides in the Church? The Rediscovery of Mutually Differentiated Co-responsibility in Sacramental and Pneumatological Backgrounds**
PÉTER SZABÓ (Budapest)
- 10:00-11:00 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30-12:00 **Discerning and Deciding in the Church: Challenges Arising from the Synod on Synodality for Canon Law**
MYRIAM WIJLENS (Erfurt)
- 12:00-12:30
NIKOS MAGHIOROS (Thessaloniki)
- 12:30-13:00 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 13:00 LUNCH/BREAK
- 15:30-17:00 YOUNG SCHOLARS PANEL: **Presentation of Research Projects**
- ALEXANDER SMOICHEVSKI (Sofia)
 - JELISEI HEIKKILÄ (Helsinki)

- BARTHOLOMEW MERCADO (Boston)
- JOHNSON JOHN (Boston)
- JOMON VAZHAPPILLY (Bangalore)
- MANUEL TORREBLANCA (Jerusalem)

- 17:00-17:30 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 17:30-18:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 18:00-19:30 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
- 20:00 DINNER

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER

EXCURSION TO EPIDAUROS AND CORINTH

Enjoy a day in ancient Epidaurus and walking in the steps of the apostle Paul in Corinth in an experience of both ancient and early Christian heritage sites.

FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

PERSONAL AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

- 09:00-09:30 **The relevance of the Eastern Churches in the diaspora for a more comprehensive concept of jurisdiction**
LUIS OKULIK (Trieste)
- 09:30-10:00 **Phenomenon of Parallel National Jurisdictions in the Theology of Alexander Schmemmann**
SAVA MILOVANOVIC (Belgrade)
- 10:00-10:30
Metrop. CHRISOSTOMOS OF MESSENIA (Kalamata)
- 10:30-11:00 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30-12:00 **Personal jurisdiction and territorial jurisdiction from the point of view of the Ukrainian Greco Catholic Church**
MYCHAJLO DYMYD (Lviv)
- 12:00-12:30 **Extra Ecclesiam localem nulla Jurisdictio hyperoria**
Metrop. GREGORIOS OF PERISTERI (Athens)
- 12:30-13:00 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 13:00 LUNCH/BREAK

A REINTEGRATED CHURCH

- 15:30-16:00 **A Reintegrated Church - Ecclesiological and Canonical Aspects**
Metrop. JOB GETCHA OF PISIDIA (Ecum. Patriarchate)
- 16:00-16:30 **Canonical aspects of a primacy at the service of the *communio Ecclesiarum*. Some reflections based on the document *The Bishop of Rome***
HYACINTHE DESTIVELLE (Rome)
- 16:30-17:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 17:00-17:30 **Le problème actuel de l'empêchement des mariages entre orthodoxes et catholiques dans l'Église Orthodoxe. Les dernières décisions au niveau panorthodoxe**
MIHAI CONSTANTINESCU (Craiova)
- 17:30-18:00 **Governance of a Reintegrated Church**
JOHN FARIS (Washington)
- 18:00-18:30 QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
- 18:30-19:00 **Conclusion of Congress:** ASTRID KAPTIJN (Fribourg - CH)
- 20:00 DINNER

SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

EXCURSION TO SOUNION

Ancient scenic site south of Athens