

## SUMMARIES OF THE ARTICLES IN THE PRESENT VOLUME

*The Orthodox Biblical Ecclesiological and Soteriological Dimension in the Acathist Hymm.* By Evangelos D. Theodorou, Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, pp. 7-18.

The author herein underlines the great worth of the Acathist Hymm in its entirety and points out the central nucleus of the Old and New Testaments' ecclesiological and soteriological teaching contained therein.

*The Relations between Egyptians and Israelites as seen in the Old Testament.* By Professor Panagiotis N. Simotas, pp. 19-54.

The author examines the manifold relations and the mutual influences which these two ancient peoples had upon each other as they appear in the Old Testament. The study is divided into two parts: a) the first covers the chronological period from before Abraham up to the time of the Exodus out of Egypt and b) the second extends from the Exodus up to the Roman subjugation.

*Science and Religion.* By Professor Megas L. Pharantos, pp. 55-111, 212-239, 420-470 and 607-645 (*to be continued*).

A continuation of this historico-critical review of the relationship between science and religion. The relationship between Theism and Atheism during the latter years up to the 19 century is herein exhaustively covered.

*Thirteenth Century Alterations in the Works and Texts of St. Gregory of Nyssa.* By Archim. Chrysostomos Savvatos, pp. 112-126.

The author points out specific alterations brought about in the works of St. Gregory of Nyssa in Thirteenth-Century Byzantium in order either to support the unionist cause or to oppose it. The changes in question refer to specific texts in the works of St. Gregory which were useful in the theological debates of the times.

*Agitation according to St. Gregory of Nazianzus.* By Eugenia Panagiotou, pp. 127-149.

The continuation and conclusion of the study in question which attempts

to shed light on the spiritual path to ascetism followed by St. Gregory of Nazianzus. The study is based upon the vocabulary used by the saint.

*The Immortality of the Soul according to Plato.* By Antonios Bitsakis, pp. 150-170.

The final installment and conclusion of the present study on Plato's teaching on the soul in contrast to that taught by the Christian faith. The author herein critically examines Plato's teaching on the soul's immortality in comparison to the Christian doctrine of the Resurrection.

*The Future Role of the Academies of Arts and Sciences.* By Evangelos D. Theodorou, Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, pp. 193-000.

The author herein emphasizes that the chief mission of the Academies of Arts and Sciences throughout the world is to return to the related Platonic tradition. They should be characterized by a catholicity and should utilize the totality of science's final findings.

*The Question of the Ordination of Women.* By Vlassios Phidas, Professor of the University of Athens, pp. 240-274.

A paper delivered at the Inter-Orthodox Consultation on «*The place of Women in the Orthodox Church*», held in Rhodes in 1988. The author herein examines: 1) Ordination and Priesthood, 2) The Rejection of the Priesthood of Women, 3) The Woman as God's icon according to the Order of Creation, 4) The Man-Woman Relation according to the Order of the Divine Economy, 6) The Woman's Role and the Economy of the Holy Spirit, 7) The Christocentric Character of the Priesthood and the Pneumatocentric Character of the Woman's Role in the Church, and 8) The Institution of Deaconesses.

*A Critical Edition of the Christmas Canons composed by Pachomios Rousanos.* By Archim. Eutybios Sarmanis, pp. 275-329.

The Christmas hymnological opus of the illustrious sixteenth century theologian, Pachomios Rousanos is herein critically presented on the basis of Codex Macarianus Gr. II (103), personally autographed by Rousanos himself. These canons are chanted before the Christmas Feast at the Sacred Monastery of Simonopetra, on Mt. Athos.

*A Woman Christian Sage of the Fourth Century: Macrina the Virgin Philosopher.* By Christos B. Christakis, pp. 330-361.

A study examining the personality of St. Macrina, sister of St. Basil the Great, as it appears mainly in the other brother's, St. Gregory of Nyssa's, *Life*

of *Macrina* and with special emphasis on parallels between *Macrina* and *Gorgonia* (the sister of St. Gregory Nazianzen), *Macrina* and St. *Thecla*, *Macrina* and the philosopher *Socrates*, and ending with a chapter on *Macrina's* contribution to the development of organized monastic life.

*The Aesthetics of St. Photius the Great.* By Evangelos D. Theodorou, Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, pp. 385-413.

An analysis of St. Photius the Great's aesthetic perception as seen in his works. The author reveals St. Photius's overextending orientation which moves within the bounds of universal theocentric beauty and is in accordance with Orthodox perceptions.

*Plato and Freud on the nature of the Human Mind (Soul) and its Function.* By Metropolitan Athenagoras of Phocis, pp. 414-419.

The author herein compares and contrasts the similarities and diversities between the Freudian theories concerning the soul with those of Plato.

*Codices containing the Lives of Neo-Martyrs in the Library of the Kyriakon of the Skete of St. Anna.* By Theodore X. Giangos, pp. 471-510.

An analytical presentation of six codices with hagiological content found in the Library of the Skete of St. Anna on Mount Athos. The author especially examines the lives of the Neo-Martyrs contained therein and their use in the compilation of St. Nicodemus' *Neo-Martyrologion* and other related editions.

*Pilgrimage: The Native Architecture of Mount Athos.* By Nectarios - Charles Axiotis, pp. 511-561.

A study of the mystical spirit of Byzantium as expressed in the native architecture of Mount Athos and especially as exemplified in the architecture of three buildings: a) The Boathouse of Iveron, b) the Monastery of Simonos Petra, and c) the *Katholikon* of Koutloumoussi.

*The Churches' Contribution to European Communication.* By Evangelos D. Theodorou, Professor Emeritus of the University of Athens, pp. 577-602.

Communication is one of the constituent morphological elements of the Church and belongs to her essential and fundamental components. The Church employs the elements of the technology of communication, but the content of her message and its meaning should be in conformity with her teaching and should correspond to Europe's Christian tradition. When the

unity of the Churches is achieved, then they will spread the message of the real –and not the utopian– fulfillment of Europe.

*The Christology of St. Athanasius.* By Metropolitan Bishoy of Damiette, pp. 603-606.

A paper delivered at the Patristic Conference of Greek and Coptic Theologians held in Cairo from 27-29 December 1993.

*Church Synods and Civilization.* By John S. Romanides, Professor Emeritus of the University of Thessaloniki, pp. 646-680.

The author herein expresses the view that the promulgation of dogmas by the Ecumenical and Local Councils fits into the Church's therapeutic treatment of purification, illumination and glorification/theosis and is done towards this purpose. In this way, the author maintains, society is rid of the sickness known as «*the pursuit of happiness*», which is the cause of many evils, and one's own damnation.

*The Nature and Outlook of the Iconoclast Controversy: Ideological Influences and Expediency.* By Archim. Panteleimon K. Tsorbatzoglou, pp. 681-738.

The author attempts to interpret the causes and perspectives of the iconoclast initiatives of Leo III and to show the original motivations which prompted him to employ his specific policy. He also examines the relations of the Emperor with the ideologies of the Jews, Arabs, Armenians and Paulicians so that the real ethos and purpose of Leo's undertaking can be understood.

*The Patriarchal Library of the Holy Trinity Monastery of Halki.* By Archim. Vasileios Drosos, pp. 739-768.

The history of the founding of the library of the Holy Trinity Monastery of Halki, seat of the Patriarchal Theological School, is synoptically presented. The source of its contents from the 16th century and on is examined and the regulations of its functioning since its incorporation into the Theological Schools are given.

*The Paleochristian Basilica of St. Anastasia in Zonara, Apolakkia, Rhodes.* By John Volanakis, pp. 769-791.

The present study archaeologically examines the paleochristian Basilica of St. Anastasia Located at «*Zonara*» in the community of Apolakkia, Rhodes.

*The Iconophile Depiction of «The Preparation of the Throne».* By Ekaterinis - Marias Alex. Bali, pp. 792-805.

An analysis and presentation of the renowned «*Preparation of the Throne*» as depicted throughout the ages, from earliest palaeochristian times to its incorporation in the scene of the Second Coming. The author examines both the dogmatic meaning of the depiction and its symbolism.

*The Scholarly Symposium of Nisyros on «The Dodecanese during the Frankish and Italian Occupation».* By Athanasios E. Karathanasis, Professor of the University of Thessaloniki, pp. 806-812.

A description of the work of the Symposium in question and the other events related to it which took place from the 6th to the 8th of June 1995. The author makes extensive reference to the symposium's papers and conclusions.