

# **OTSA NEWS**

# **FALL 2006**

## **THE ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OTSA will be held at St Vladimir's Seminary, June 12-14, 2007. Check the website [www.svots.edu](http://www.svots.edu) for directions to St Vladimir's. Members are reminded that this year's conference dovetails with the Fordham/Villanova Conference "Orthodox Readings of Augustine," June 14-16. We will end our conference on Thursday with the business meeting and lunch to facilitate participation in that conference. Contact: George Demacopoulos ([demacopoulos@fordham.edu](mailto:demacopoulos@fordham.edu)) or Aristotle Papanikolaou ([papanikolaou@fordham.edu](mailto:papanikolaou@fordham.edu))

- With us will be members of the SCOBA biomedical commission, who will use OTSA for a forum to explain how they arrive at conclusions on a variety of biomedical ethical issues.
- Tony Vrame will chair a panel to examine the results of the Patriarch Athenagoras Institute study of clergy education in the various jurisdictions.
- Papers on any and all topics (or panels) are welcomed but space on the agenda is limited. Deadline February 1. All proposals should be sent to the Secretary of the Society\* who will forward them all to officers to set up the final program.

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### DISCOUNT FOR MEMBERS

Members of OTSA who are paid up in good standing will be eligible beginning in 2007 for a discounted subscription of their choice to the St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly or the Greek Orthodox Theological Review. Details will be made available with your next

membership renewal.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES Outstanding dues (2006 or prior) may be remitted to:

Demetrios Katos, Treasurer, OTSA  
Hellenic College  
50 Goddard Avenue  
Brookline, MA 02445

#### JOB OPENINGS

Stockton College - Asst Prof. of Religion – Byzantine

Qualifications: Ph.D. required by time of appointment. Areas of study: Religious Thought of the Middle Ages (Greek & Latin) and/or Byzantine Religion. AOC: Philosophy of Religion, World Religions.

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey seeks applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor of Religion to start September 2007. Salary is competitive, with excellent benefits. Candidate must also be able to teach interdisciplinary courses such as Byzantine civilization & culture, early Christian history, and inter-religious relations. Evidence of teaching excellence required. Teaching load is 6 four-hour courses, some courses in the General Studies Curriculum.

Send letter of application with CV, statement of teaching philosophy, and three letters of recommendation to  
Dr. Robert Gregg, Dean,  
Arts and Humanities,  
The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, AA118,  
PO 195,  
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<http://www.stockton.edu>

#### NEW BOOKS FROM MEMBERS

Susan Ashbrook Harvey has just published Scenting Salvation: Ancient Christianity and the Olfactory Imagination (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006). The book deals with the first seven centuries of Christianity, and the importance of the senses, especially the sense of smell, for the developing Christian culture of

worship, religious identity, and religious knowledge: the developments of the uses of incense, scented holy oils, relics and the like, and their role in opening a profoundly rich tradition of embodied faith. The cover is priceless! See the attached PDF.

#### NEWS OF MEMBERS

- Congratulations to Fr John Behr who was recently appointed Dean of St Vladimir Seminary. Fr Chad Hatfield, current rector of St Herman of Alaska Seminary, will become the Provost in this newly-configured arrangement.
- Congratulations to Tony Vrame, who will become the Director of Religious Education for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of American on 1 January 2007.
- Fr Gabriel Rochelle will participate as an Orthodox observer and commentator on WCC papers on ecclesiology at Zurich Switzerland December 10-12.

#### CONFERENCES

- "Highly Favored: Visions of Mary Across Christian Traditions". Friday, December 1, 2006 at Gordon College, Wenham MA. Open to the public without charge. Orthodox Participants include Kyriaki FitzGerald, Vera Shevzov, and Demetrios Katos. For more information, see <http://www.gordon.edu/ccs/>.
- The Stephen and Katherine Pappas Patristics Institute at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology will host its third annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristics in Spring Semester 2007, on the campus of Holy Cross, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, Mass., 02445. More information at <http://pappaspatristic.hchc.edu/A>.

This OTSA newsletter is intended to facilitate communication among members. If you have any announcements or information that would be of value to Orthodox scholars, you are urged to share it with fellow members by contacting Fr. Gabriel Rochelle at [GabrielCRoch@aol.com](mailto:GabrielCRoch@aol.com) Possible submissions include new publications (books, essays, articles, encyclopedia entries), grants or awards received, or conference participation. We especially welcome announcements of conferences, new course offerings, new programs of study at your institution, or positions related to Orthodox Christianity.

Memory Eternal!

Earnest A. Villas passed away on July 14<sup>th</sup> in Weston, MA after 50 years of faithful service to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Archbishop Demetrios of America, in Nashville TN to preside over the 38<sup>th</sup> Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, offered his condolences immediately upon hearing of the passing of this dedicated layman. For more information: <http://www.goarch.org/en/news/releases/articles/release9620.asp>

Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, scholar and historian of religion who interpreted Christianity to a vast audience in the English-speaking world, died on May 13 at his home in Hamden, Conn. He was 82. For more information: <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/05/16/obituaries/16PELIKAN.html?ex=1305432000&en=ad5e1d3b629e4d31&ei=5088&partner=rssnyt&emc=rss> Editor: Fr Gabriel Rochelle