

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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## 26<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

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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

- 16:00-18:00 CHECK-IN AND RECEIVE CONGRESS MATERIALS AT THE NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS (located at Panepistimiou, 30)  
18:00 **Opening Address:** 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 **'Canon Law is Dead' - Convergences and Divergences of Eastern Orthodox Canon Law in a New Millennium**  
PETER PETKOFF (Oxford)
- 10:30-11:00 **The "Substance" and the "Hypostasis of Canonical Reasoning**  
EIRINI CHRISTINAKI (Athens)
- 10:30-11:00 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 Acropolis*)

## 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 **Synodality in the Context of State-Church Relations in Greece**  
NIKOS MAGHIOROS (Thessaloniki)
- 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 **Who Decides in the Church? The Rediscovery of Mutually Differentiated Co-responsibility in Sacramental and Pneumatological Backgrounds**  
PÉTER SZABÓ (Budapest)
- 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 **La transition de l'autorité synodale de la localité à l'universalité**  
Metrop. CHRYSOSTOMOS 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 Greek Catholic Church**  
MYCHAJLO DYMYD (Lviv)
- 12:00-12:30 **Extra Ecclesiam localem nulla jurisdictio hyperiora**  
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 **Concluding Address:** ASTRID KAPTIJN (Fribourg - CH)
- 20:00 DINNER

## SATURDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

### EXCURSION TO SOUNION

*Ancient scenic site south of Athens*