

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF
MEDICINE, PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION**

2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

***Care for the Severely Challenged Patient:
An Orthodox Perspective***

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6-7, 2009

**Location: HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
50 GODDARD AVENUE,
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS**

SPEAKERS

**FR. NATHANAEL SYMEONIDES, Theology
Deacon to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios and
Adjunct Instructor at St. Vladimir's Seminary**

Father Nathanael is Deacon to His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. He is a native of Thessaloniki, Greece, and holds degrees from Hellenic College, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and Boston University. He is now completing a Master's Degree in Public Health at Columbia University. Father Symeonides also serves as an Adjunct Instructor at St. Vladimir's Seminary in New York. He has published several articles, principally on subjects pertaining to bioethics.

**DR. AARON HANEY, Psychology
Psychiatrist, Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio**

Dr. Haney was born and raised in Southern Indiana the son of a Wesleyan minister. At the outset of the first Gulf War he withdrew from university and joined the Army. He served as an infantryman two years in Korea. In 1996 he was chrismated into the Orthodox Church in Bloomington, Indiana, and soon after started medical school at Indiana University on an Army scholarship. He finished his residency in psychiatry at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2006 and then spent three years at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky as a Medical Detachment Commander and clinician with a deployment to Iraq. He now lives in Columbus, Ohio with his wife Jennifer and son Elias. He works as a Consultation-Liaison Psychiatrist at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

**DR. MICHAEL CHRISTAKIS, Medicine
Internal Medicine, VA Clinic, Worcester, Mass.**

Dr. Christakis is a general internist with a practice at the Worcester (Mass.) Veteran's Administration Clinic, which is the largest community-based outpatient clinic of the Boston VA Healthcare System. He teaches medical students and residents, is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, went to medical school in Greece, and trained at Roger Williams Hospital of the Brown University Internal Medicine Training Program. His practice includes care for veterans from the various American wars, including an increasingly large number of veterans

from the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Christakis has been in the VA for fifteen years, serving at various VA facilities in New England and in his current post in Worcester for seven years.

**PRESBYTERA MARYANN TONIAS, Nursing
Hospital Educator, Veterans' Administration, Bedford, NJ**

Presbytera Tonias is a native of Schenectady/Niskayuna, NY. She received her BSN from Russell Sage in Troy, NY and her MSN from the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston. She has worked as a Nurse in rehabilitation, public health, and clinical practice, and now works as a Hospital Educator at the VA in Bedford, Mass. She converted to Orthodoxy in 1986 at St. Sophia Church in Albany, NY. She now lives in Watertown, Mass. with her husband, Fr. Demetrios Tonias, and their four children.

OCAMPR

History

Throughout its over twenty year history, OCAMPR's purpose has been to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and promote Christian fellowship among professionals in medicine, nursing, mental health, psychology, ethics, theology, parish ministry, military and ecumenical chaplaincy, parish nursing, social services, prison and community ministries. OCAMPR contributes to the spiritual sustenance and growth of helping and healing professionals who experience their Orthodox Christian faith as the center of their professional life and ministry in healing professions..

Annual Board Meeting

All conference attendees are encouraged to attend the November 6th open Board Meeting at Holy Cross at 1:30 pm to discuss how our shared love for Christ and the holistic view of personhood and sacredness inherent in Orthodoxy might continue to unfold and contribute to Church life.

Care for the Severely Challenged Patient 2009 Conference

The 2009 conference focuses on various dimensions of care for the severely challenged patient, ranging from spiritual, emotional and psychological challenges to recovery from physical handicaps, brain injury, PTSD and other injuries. Experienced and qualified speakers will offer talks and answer questions in dialogue with other presenters. Group participation will invite reflections, questions and comments. Continuing Education Credits must be established IN ADVANCE by conferees with their own professional/licensing group in coordination with a conference Co-Chair.

Resources in medicine, nursing, hospice, ethics, theology, law, counseling, chaplaincy, and clinical pastoral education are welcome, and the Holy Cross Bookstore will also offer resources. Bring educational materials from your own setting to share with others.

At the Saturday luncheon, optional Table Topics will invite interested conferees to sit together to discuss ideas in shared ministries. The topics may range from Medicine, Psychology, Pastoral Care, Ecumenical or Military Chaplaincy, Parish Life, Parish Nursing, to Social Services, Prison and Community Ministry.

CPE and Ecumenical Chaplaincy

An optional session on Clinical Pastoral Education certification and continuing education for hospital, hospice and community ecumenical chaplaincy will meet late Friday evening for those interested. Mark registration form and/or email Dr. Demetra Jaquet at deejquet@aol.com

2009 OCAMPR Conference Schedule

Friday Nov. 6

1:30 pm **Open Board Meeting**

5:00 Vespers Holy Cross Chapel

6:00 Reception and Registration

7:00 Conference Opening

Welcome from OCAMPR – Marian Avtges and David Holden, Conference Co-Chairs

Welcome from HC/HC - Fr. Nick Triantafilou, President

Opening Reflection

Introduction of Speaker

7:15 *Speaker 1: Fr. Nathanael Symeonides, Theology*

8:00 Discussion

8:30 Social Hour

Optional Networking by Topic: Medicine; Psychology;
Parish Life; Pastoral Care/Ecumenical Chaplaincy; Parish Nursing;
Social Service/Special Populations, Missions

Saturday Nov. 7

8 am Registration, Continental Breakfast

9 am Introduction of Speaker

9:05 *Speaker 2: Dr. Aaron Haney, Psychology*

9:45 Discussion

10:15 Break

10:45 Introduction of Speaker

10:50 *Speaker 3: Dr. Michael Christakis, Medicine*

11:30 Discussion

Noon Lunch - Optional Topic Tables

1:15 pm *Blessing of Hands Service*

2:00 Introduction of Speaker

2:05 *Speaker 4: Presbyteria Maryann Tonias, Nursing*

2:45 Discussion

4:00 Closing Prayer

REGISTRATION

Early Registration:	OCAMPR Full Member	\$75
BEFORE OCTOBER 1	OCAMPR Associate Member	\$40
	OCAMPR Student Member	\$10
	Non-Members	\$100
AFTER OCTOBER 1	Add \$25 to the above listed Registration Fee	

Sorry, No Credit Cards Registration includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday

Questions? E-mail Conference Co-Chairs David Holden at davidholden1@bellsouth.net
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