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Care in a COVID Era: Unity & Truth in Uncertain Times

OCAMPR Annual Conference, November 4-6, 2021

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ and online

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Presentations that are virtual or live streamed will have links to click on below their title prior to the Conference

Thursday, November 4, 2021

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| 5:30-6:00 pm | Registration and Exhibits |
| 6:00-6:15 pm | Welcome
Philip Mamalakis, PhD, President |
| 6:15-7:15 pm | Keynote Address
His Grace the Right Reverend Daniel, MDiv
<i>Bishop of Santa Rosa, Chancellor of the Diocese of the West (OCA)</i> |
| 7:15-8:30 pm | Reception |

Friday, November 5, 2021

7:45-8:30 am Orthros

8:30-9:00 am Registration, Exhibits, Coffee and Tea

9:00-10:00 am **Plenary Speaker: Theological Perspective**
Fr. Demetrios Harper, PhD
*Associate Professor of Moral Theology and Church History,
Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary in New York.*

10:00-10:30 am Break, Exhibits, Networking (in person & Zoom)

10:30-11:30 am **Session 1: Workshops**

1.1 *Diaconal Post-COVID Rescue Response*

Rev. Deacon Salvatore Fazio

Demetra Velisarios Jaquet, MDiv, DMin

Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos, MTS, MA, PhD

1.2 *A Christian Ending to Our Lives: An Exploration of Death Anxiety and
the COVID-19 Pandemic Within Orthodox Christianity*

Fr. Ignatius Warren, MA, PhD (cand)

1.3 **(Virtual)** *Treating Children and Adolescents during the Pandemic*

Lila Amirali, MD

11:45-12:45 pm Lunch with Professional/Interest Groups (Live and Virtual)

1:00-2:00 pm **Plenary Speaker: Psychological Perspective**
Casey Clardy, PhD, MDiv
Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Faculty Supervisor
Lawndale Christian Health Center Chicago, IL

2:00-2:30 pm Break, Exhibits, Networking (in person & Zoom)

2:30-3:45 pm **Special Session: “Covid and the Church” Panel
(Hybrid: In-Person and Virtual)**

Gayle Woloschak, PhD - Panel Moderator
Hermina Nedelescu, PhD
Cheryl Johnson, MD
Chris Mathews, MD, MSPH
Fr. Dr. Anthony Roeber, PhD

4:00-5:00 pm **Session 2: Workshops**

*2.1 Healing of the Person from Theological & Psychological Perspectives:
Are they Compatible?*

Steven-John M. Harris, PhD
Very Reverend Robert Isaac Skidmore, MDiv, PhD

*2.2 EMDR: Treating Trauma and being Trauma-Informed as an
Orthodox Christian*

Dean Theophilos, MA, LCPC

2.3 (Virtual) Pathway to Peace

Fr. Andrew Harmon
Cindy George, BSN, MA
Nancy Brown, MA

5:00-6:00 pm Vespers

6:00-8:00 pm Dinner Speaker: *The Way of the Warrior Saint*
Fr. Chris Salamy, MDiv, DMin
Pastor, St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Phoenix AZ

Saturday, November 6, 2021

7:45-8:30 am Orthros

8:30-9:00 am Registration, Exhibits, Coffee and Tea

9:00-10:00 am **Plenary Speaker: Medical Perspective**
Catherine Creticos, MD
Chief of the Section of Infectious Diseases
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
Medical Director of Clinical Research, Howard Brown Health,
Chicago, IL

10:00-10:30 am Break, Exhibits, Networking (in person & Zoom)

10:30-11:30 am **Session 3: Workshops and Papers**

3.1 *The Mental Health Task Force: Identifying and Responding to the Needs of the Church*
Sangeetha Thomas, MS

3.2 *Learning to See in Covid (and non-Covid) Hospital Rooms: A Chaplain Resident's Perspective*
Kelli Green Ward, MDiv

3.3 **Virtual** Paper Presentations:
The Role of Mystery in COVID Care
Fr. Joshua Genig, MDiv, PhD

The Paranoia of a Vaccinated Body (of Christ)
Alex Holguin, PhD (cand)

11:45-1:15 pm **Annual Membership Meeting, Lunch, and Group Photo**

1:30-2:30 pm **Session 4: Workshops**

4.1. *Healthy Self Esteem Through an Orthodox Christian Lens*
Vickey Easa, LICSW

4.2 *Continuing Bonds & Life After Death Beliefs*
Leigh-Ann Theophilos, PsyD
Dean Theophilos, MA, LCPC

4.3 **(Virtual)** *COVID in the Mission Field of the Orthodox Church*
Presbytera Renee Ritsi

2:30-3:00 pm Break, Exhibits, Networking (in person & Zoom)

3:00-4:00 pm **Session 5: Workshops and Papers**

5.1 *An Unexpected Tomorrow: Picking up the Pieces After a Suicide*

Anna Gisetti, MA

Alexandra Wyman, MS, OTR

5.2 *Spinning Straw Into Gold*

Corina Gheorghiu, LMFT, DDS

5.3 Paper Presentations:

*What the 12 Steps and Trauma Can Teach About the
Spiritual Journey*

Dean Theophilos, MA, LCPC

Paranoia in the Church in the Time of COVID

Fr. Jan Veselak, MA

The Orthodox Church and the Mental Health Burden of a Pandemic

Fr John (Dan) Schieffler, PhD ThM MSW

5.4 **(Virtual)** *Building a Culture of Care: Contextualizing Research with
~900 Missionaries to Orthodox Clergy and Church Workers*

Geoff Whiteman, ThM, LMFT

Kristina Whiteman, PhD (ABD)

4:00-5:00 pm Break, Exhibits, Networking (in person & Zoom)

5:00-6:30 pm Vespers and Blessing of the Hands