

# Program

Blessed are the merciful, because God will show them mercy (Mt 5,7). Not so much the one is merciful who is merciful towards the poor or the orphan or the widow — this mercy is found also among those who do not know God. He is truly merciful who is merciful towards his enemy and does good to him, as it is written: "Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you" (Lk 6,27).

St John Chrysostom, Homilies on Matthew 9,7

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Wednesday 9 September

## **HOLY SCRIPTURE AND CHURCH FATHERS**

Fr. Enzo Bianchi: Introductory Remarks

Greetings of the Official Representatives of the Churches

Christian Forgiveness and Reconciliation among the Churches  
? Walter card. Kasper, Rome

The Dynamic of Forgiveness in the Eastern Fathers  
? Kallistos of Diokleia, Oxford

“The Name of Lord God, Merciful and Gracious” (Ex 34,5)  
John Behr, Washington

Forgiveness in the Old Testament: Joseph and His Brothers  
Eugen J. Pentiu, Brookline

The Three Parables of God's Mercy in Luke 15  
Arsenij (Sokolov), Beirut

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Thursday 10 September

## **FORGIVENESS IN THE PATRISTIC AND MONASTIC TRADITION**

Mercy in the Life and Teachings of St Pachomius

Dimitrios Moschos, Athens

Repentance and Divine Mercy in the Monastic Community:

The Fathers of Gaza

Alexis Torrance, Notre Dame

Isaac the Syrian: Justice and Mercy in God

Sebastian Brock, Oxford

Repentance and Mercy in St Nil Sorskij

Elena Romanenko, Moscow

## **ANTHROPOLOGY OF MERCY**

Reciprocal Forgiving and Care

Vassilios Thermos, Athens

Pastoral Mercy and Matrimony: An Orthodox Perspective

Bassam A. Nassif, Balamand

Pastoral Mercy and Matrimony: A Roman Catholic Perspective

Basilio Petrà, Florence

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Friday 11 September

## **WITNESSES OF MERCY**

Christian Love and Mercy in Church's Activity

? Grigorios of Mesaoria, Levkosia

Announcing God's Mercy in the Contemporary World:

Father Aleksandr Men'

Natalija Bolšakova, Riga

A Teacher of Mercy: Fr. Matta el Meskin

? Epiphanius of St Macarius, Scetis, Egypt

Forgiveness between the Churches: The "Tomos agapis"

? Maximos di Silyvria, Istanbul

## PANEL DISCUSSION

## FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION AMONG THE CHURCHES

Chair: Krastu Banev, Durham

? Filaret di L'viv, L'viv

? Antonio Mennini, London

Despina Prassas, Providence

Christos Yannaras, Athens

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Saturday 12 September

## JUSTICE AND FORGIVENESS.

## ONE THOUSAND YEARS FROM THE BLESSED END OF ST VLADIMIR OF KIEV (1015-2015)

Justice and Forgiveness:

Saint Vladimir († 1015), or the Merciful King

? Mitrofan of Severomorsk and Umba, Severomorsk

Memory and Forgiveness in Christian Identity Construction:

The Case of the Crusades

George Demacopoulos, New York

Memory and Forgiveness: Reconciliation among Nations Today  
? Porfirije Peri?, Zagreb

## CONCLUSIONS

Sabino Chialà (Bose)

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