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February 21-23, 2019

Arizona State University, Tempe

PROGRAM



The Millennial Anniversary of the Enthronement of Yaroslav the Wise

Postcard by Іван Якович Білібін (1876-1942)

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**DAY 1: Thursday, February 21 (COOR HALL 4403)**

**5:00-7:00 PM** Opening Reception

**7:00-8:00 PM** Viewing of *Le Miracle* (1997), Steven Beschloss, 43 minutes

**DAY 2: Friday, February 22 (Memorial Union 236 Mohave)**

**8:30-9:00 AM** Coffee

**9:00 AM** Opening Remarks

**9:15-10:25 Session 1: *Wisdom from Coptic Texts***

Chair: Agnès Kefeli, Arizona State University

David Bertaina, University of Illinois Springfield

“A Prince with no Power? Coptic Patriarchs & Fatimid Caliphs”

Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College

“Smiling with Grace: On the Death of Antony”

**10:40-12:25 Session 2: *Orthodox Communities in North America***

Chair: Agnès Kefeli, Arizona State University

Roy R. Robson, Penn State Abington

“A ‘Community of Young Old Believers:’ Tradition and Acculturation among American Old Believers 1955-75.”

Nina Shultz, American Theological Library Association

“Slaviq: an Expression of Native Alaskan Orthodoxy”

Kseniya Medvedeva, Freie Universität Berlin

“Specifics of Contemporary Orthodox Monasticism in North America”

**12:25-2:00 Lunch**

**2:00-3:10 Session 3: *Orthodoxy, Health, and Healing***

Chair: Stephen Batalden, Arizona State University

Eve Levin, University of Kansas

“P(r)aying for a Miracle”

Diana Dukhanova, Holy Cross

“The Continuum of Piety and the Problem of Russian Orthodox Pronatalism: A Comparative Historical Analysis”

**3:25-4:35 Session 4: *Sergei Bulgakov***

Chair: Scott Kenworthy, Miami University of Ohio

Caleb Henry, University of Toronto, University of St. Michael's College

“Prolegomena to any Future Sophiology: Sergius Bulgakov's Early Critique of Kant”

Thomas Allan Smith, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies

“What's in a Name? Bulgakov's *Filosofia imeni*”

***6:30 PM KEYNOTE ADDRESS***

(Memorial Union 236 Mohave)

Thomas Bremer, University of Münster  
Orthodoxy in Ukraine: A Theological  
Perspective

**DAY 3: Saturday, February 23 (Memorial Union 236 Mohave Room)**

**8:30-9:00 AM** Coffee

**9:00-10:45 Session 5: *Orthodoxy in Transnational Contexts***

Chair: Eugene Clay, Arizona State University

Talia Zajac, University of Nottingham [by SKYPE]

“Reims MS 15 and the Cults of the Holy Popes Clement and Julius: Examining the Narrative of King Henri I's 1049 Marriage Embassy to Early Rus' in Its Manuscript Context”

Heather Bailey, University of Illinois Springfield

“*Prêtres, Popes, and Le Pape* (Priests, Popes, and the Pope)”

Matt Miller, University of Northwestern

“American Orthodox Philanthropy: Global and Local Ventures since 1989”

**11:00-12:10 Session 6: *Resistance in Imperial and Soviet Russian Contexts***

Chair: Heather Bailey, University of Illinois, Springfield

Eugene Clay, Arizona State University

“Russian Spiritual Christian Prophecy in the Mid-Nineteenth Century: The Case of Maksim Rudometkin”

Ileana Alexandra Orlich, Arizona State University

“Russian Orthodoxy and Stalinist Ideology: Dostoevsky’s *Crime and Punishment* and Solzhenitsyn’s *In the First Circle*”

**12:05-1:30 Lunch**

**1:30-2:40 Session 7: *Russian Nuns***

Chair: Laurie Manchester, Arizona State University

Gwyn Bourlakov, University of Kansas

“The Practice of Female Monasticism in 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Siberia”

William Wagner, Williams College (Emeritus)

“Female Monasticism in Revolutionary Times: The Nizhnii Novgorod Convent of the Exaltation of the Cross, 1917-1935”

**2:55-4:05 Session 8: *Orthodoxy in War and Revolution***

Chair: Laurie Manchester, Arizona State University

Scott Kenworthy, Miami University, Ohio

“The Law of Separation of Church from the State and from Schools (Jan. 1918) and the Freedom of Conscience in the Soviet Union”

Nadieszda Kizenko, State University of New York at Albany

“Confession in Revolution: The Transformation of Penance and Practice”

**4:20-5:30 Reflection and Informal Discussion**

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