

“For the grace of God
that brings salvation
has appeared to all men”

— Titus 2,11

The Theophaneia School

The 2nd International Symposium on Biblical Exegesis

TIMIȘOARA, ROMANIA
11-13 NOVEMBER 2021



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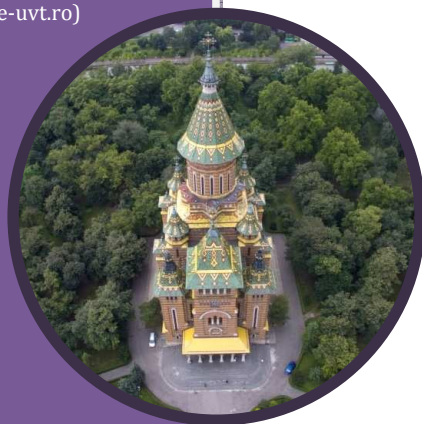
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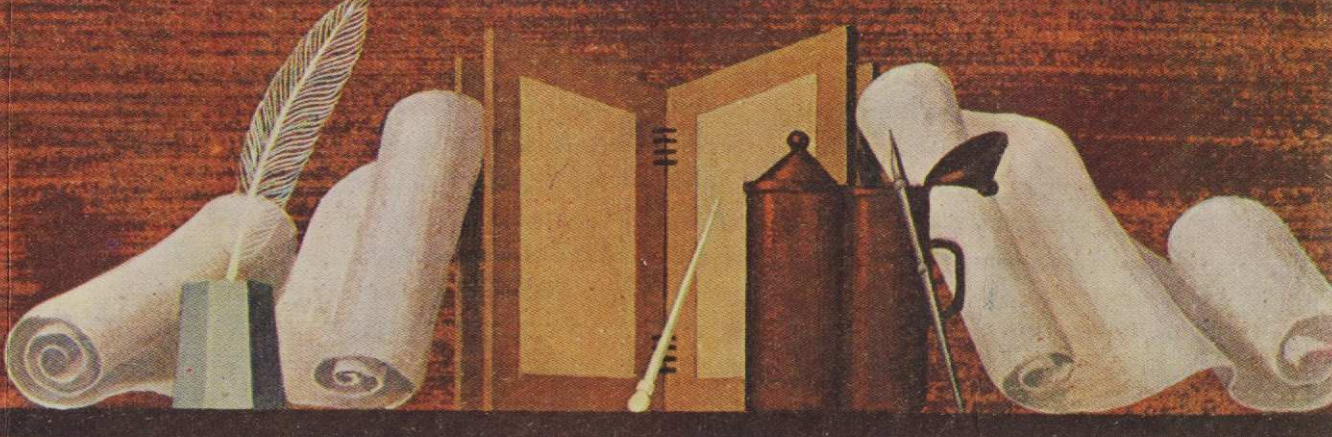


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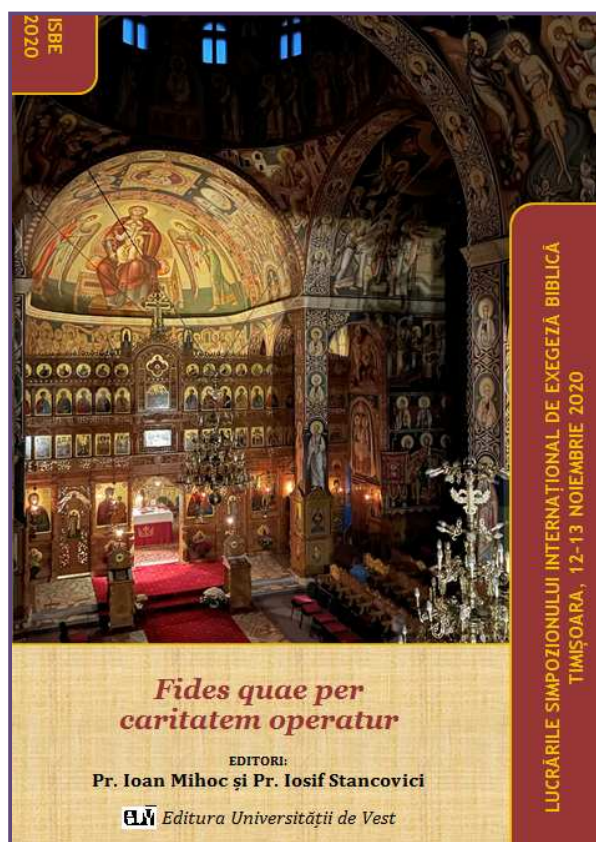
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PRE-SYMPOSIUM EVENTS: BOOK RELEASE AND WORKSHOP Thursday, 11 November 2021

17:00 Book Release

- Chairs: Constantin Jinga & Marian Vild
- Working Language: Romanian



17:20 Short Papers

- Chairs: Ioan Mihoc & Iosif Stancovici
- Working Language: Romanian

17:20 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Ionuț Daniel Băncilă**, Lecturer in Religious Studies. Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt Universität, Berlin.

“Straying away from Jesus: Early Christianity as Multiple Gnosticisms in Western Theology”

17:40 **Gabriela Radu**, PhD, Lecturer in Classical Philology. Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.

„The Actuality of Chrysostomic *Homily I on Philipians* with a New Romanian Translation”

18:00 Rev. Fr. **Constantin Jinga**, Head of the Pastoral Theology Department and Associate Professor in Old Testament Studies. Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.

„Când arcul se transformă în cânt, iar mierea în gând. Aspecte ale traducerilor Sfintei Scripturi relevante pentru interferențele iudeo-creștine în exegeza biblică medievală”

18:20 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Nichifor Tănase**, Education Counsellor, Archbishopric of Timișoara.

„Ἐξάφνης (Fapte 9,3) – ca *locus* al participării și iluminării (περήστραψεν φῶς)”

18:40 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Ioan Mihoc**, Lecturer in New Testament Studies. Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.

„Ἐπεφάνη γὰρ ἡ χάρις τοῦ θεοῦ σωτήριος πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις: Theological Insights of Titus 2:11 within Epistle’s Context”

19:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Iosif Stancovici**, Associate Lecturer in Old Testament Studies. Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.

„Eliezer of Damascus (Genesis 15,2): in Rabbinic and Patristic Literature”

19:20 Discussions (Q & A)

19:30 Summary of the Pre-Symposium Events.

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CONFERENCE DAY 1 Friday, 12 November 2021

09:00 Symposium Inauguration with welcome speeches

- His Eminence, the Most Reverend **IOAN Selejan**, Archbishop of Timișoara and Metropolitan of Banat.
- **Octavian Mădălin Bunoiu**, PhD, Vice-Rector of the West University of Timișoara and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Physics.
- **Valy Ceia**, PhD, Vice-Dean and Associate Professor of the Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.
- **Dumitru Tucan**, PhD, Head of the Department of Romanian Studies and Associate Professor of the Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.

09:30 First Session

- Chairs: Constantin Jinga & Nichifor Tănase
- Working Language: English

09:30 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Lawrence Iwuamadi**, Dean of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey and the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

“The Genealogy of Jesus According to Matthew: Purpose of Text and Its Reception in the Early Christianity”

10:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Srećko Koralija**, expert in Syriac Studies, Septuagint, Hebrew Language, Targums. Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK.

“Relevance of the Manuscript Tradition for Corpus-Based Lexical Analysis”

10:30 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Marcin Chrostowski**, Secretary of the Society of Polish Biblical Scholars, and Lecturer of the Holy Scripture. High Seminary of Bydgoszcz Diocese, Poland.

“The Book of Tobit in the Context of the First Israelite Diaspora in Assyria”

11:00 Discussions (Q & A)

11:30 Second Session

- Chairs: Ionuț Băncilă & Iosif Stancovici
- Working Language: Romanian

11:30 Rev. Dr. **Traian Gheorghe Mocan**, Lecturer in New Testament Studies. Faculty of Humanistic and Social Sciences, “Corneliu Constantineanu” Center for Intercultural and Interconfessional Studies, “Aurel Vlaicu” University of Arad.

„Noțiunea de »pocăință« în cele cinci scrisori ale Apocalipsei: Efes, Pergam, Tiatira, Sardes și Laodiceea (Apoc 2,5; 2,16; 2,20-22; 3,3; 3,19)”

12:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Mihail Milea**, Teacher of New Testament Studies. “Bishop Kesaros” Orthodox Theological Seminary, Buzău.

„Temeiuri biblice pentru lucrarea filantropică în Biserică”

12:30 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Constantin Pogor**, Professor in Old Testament Studies, Institut de Théologie Orthodoxe “Apôtre Paul”, Bruxelles.

“The Psalter: From Text to Prayer”

13:00 Discussions (Q & A)

13:30-15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 Third Session

- Chairs: Maria Subi* & Ioan Mihoc
- Working Language: Romanian

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15:00 **Florina Maria Băcilă**, PhD, Associate Professor of Contemporary Romanian Language. Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.

„Reflexe ale cărții biblice *Cântarea Cântărilor* în poezia lui Traian Dorz”

15:30 **Maria Cristina Trușcă**, PhD, Teacher of Classical Philology. St Gregory the Theologian Orthodox Theological Seminary, Craiova.

„Ἀρετή – conceptualizare și lexicalizare în context biblico-patristic”

16:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Gheorghe Costea**, parish priest of the Romanian community in Syria and Lebanon.

„Translations of the Holy Scriptures into Arabic”

16:30 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Ioan Chirilă**, Professor in Old Testament Studies. Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca.

“The Heavenly Priesthood and the Angels in the First Song of the Sabbath Sacrifice (4Q400 Frag. 1 Col. 1-2)”

17:00 Discussions (Q & A)

17:30 Fourth Session

- Chairs: Ioan Mihoc & Ilie Melniciuc-Puică
- Working Language: Romanian

17:30 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Ilie Melniciuc-Puică**, Associate Professor in New Testament Studies. “Dumitru Stăniloae” Faculty of Orthodox Theology, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași.

„Mesajul biblic din Efeseni 2,20 transpus în pictura eclesială”

18:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Marian Vild**, Associate Professor in New Testament Studies. “Justinian Marina” Orthodox Theology Faculty at the University of Bucharest.

„Lectura duhovnicească a Scripturii (*Lectio Divina*) și importanța ei pentru formarea spirituală a tinerilor”

18:30 **Stelian Pașca-Tușa**, PhD, Lecturer in Old Testament Studies. Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca.

“The Sacrifice of Isaac in Byzantine Art: Christological Perspectives of Interpretation”

19:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Dragoș Andrei Giulea**, Theological Studies Department, Concordia University, Montréal, Canada.

„Preoție universală și ierarhii de har”

19:30 Discussions (Q & A)

20:00 Summary of the Conference Day 1

CONFERENCE DAY 2
Saturday, 13 November 2021

08:45 Welcome Speech

- Rev. Fr. Dr. **Constantin Jinga**, Head of the Pastoral Theology Department and Associate Professor in Old Testament Studies. Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.

09:00 Fifth Session

- Chairs: Capodistrias Hämmerli & Iosif Stancovici
- Working Language: English

09:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Nebojša Tumara**, Senior Lecturer in Old Testament and Biblical Languages. St Athanasius College, University of Divinity, Melbourne, Australia.

„»He Lowered Himself from the Height of Creation«:
Jacob of Serugh on the Kenosis of God”

09:30 **Mihai Valentin Vladimirescu**, PhD, Professor in Old Testament Studies. Faculty of Letters, University of Craiova.

“The Meaning of ‘Torah’ in Pirkei Avot and Midrash. Textual Transmission and Biblical Exegesis”

10:00 Rev. Fr. **Marius Adrian Călin**, PhD candidate, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

“Marian Devotion in India as a Theological Construct for an Inter-Religious World”

10:30 Discussions (Q & A)

11:00 Sixth Session

- Chairs: Nebojša Tumara & Alexandru Mihăilă
- Working Language: English

11:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Capodistrias Hämmerli**, Department of Theology, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

“The Modern Philosophical and Juridical Concept of Non-discrimination in the Light of an Exegesis of Genesis 1”

11:30 **Maria Cioată**, PhD, expert in Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, and the Study of Folklore. University of Manchester, UK, and New Europe College, Bucharest.

“Traditional Reactions to Modern Higher-Criticism: the Case of Dr. Moses Gaster”

12:00 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Alexandru Mihăilă**, Associate Professor in Old Testament Studies. “Justinian Marina” Orthodox Theology Faculty at the University of Bucharest.

“Aquila and the Greek Text of Ecclesiastes”

12:30 Discussions (Q & A)

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 Seventh Session

- Chairs: Claudiu T. Arieșan & Constantin Jinga
- Working Language: English

14:30 **Linda-Saskia Menczel**, Member of the Union of Romanian Visual Artists, PhD candidate, West University of Timișoara.

“Hebrew Inscriptions in European Christian Themed Art”

15:00 **Emilija Vuković**, PhD, History of Art and Architecture, University of Belgrade.

“A Contribution to the Study of the Kumanica Tetraevangelion (Archive SANU no. 69)”

15:30 **Claudiu T. Arieșan**, PhD, Associate Professor in Patristics and Classical Philology. Faculty of Letters, History and Theology, West University of Timișoara.

“Hermeneutics of Joy in Biblical Times: A Patristic Aperçu”

16:00 Discussions (Q & A)

16:30 Plenary Presentation

- Chairs: Constantin Jinga & Capodistrias Hämmerli

16:30 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Giuseppe G. Scollo**, Assistant Professor of Biblical Theology at St. Augustine’s Seminary, Toronto, Canada.

“The Strength Needed to Enter the Kingdom of God: An Exegetical and Theological Study of Luke 16,16 in Context”

17:15 Discussions (Q & A)

17:30 Eighth Session

- Chairs: Ștefan Munteanu & Nichifor Tănase
- Working Language: Romanian

17:30 **Ștefan Munteanu**, PhD, Professor in Old Testament Studies. Institut de Théologie Orthodoxe Saint-Serge, Paris.

„Pe cine strigă Iisus pe Cruce:
pe Dumnezeu sau pe Ilie? (Mt 27,46; Mc 15,34)”

18:00 **Eusebiu Borca**, PhD, Lecturer in Old Testament Studies. Faculty of Letters, North University Centre, Baia Mara, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca.

“The Flood (Biblical-Scientific Perspectives)”

18:30 Rev. Fr. Dr. **Cătălin Vatamanu**, Lecturer in Old Testament Studies. “Dumitru Stăniloae” Faculty of Orthodox Theology, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași.

„Descoperirea lui Dumnezeu
»față către față« (פְּנִים אֶל-פְּנִים). Rolul dezvoltării
chipului în pedagogia divină”

19:00 Discussions (Q & A)

19:30 Summary of the Conference Day 2.

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