

ST NICHOLAS RANCH
CONFERENCE ON
ORTHODOXY AND THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
October 25—28, 2007
Dunlap, CA

THUR. VESPERS 5:00
THUR. DINNER 6:30

THURS. 7:45 CONFERENCE WELCOME

THURS. 8—9:20 PM

I. PROCEEDING FROM *PRAXIS*

- George P. Nassos, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, U.S.A., “The Role of Stewardship in Protecting Our Environment”
- John Jones, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, U.S.A., ““But Give Me Sufficiency and the Things that are Necessary...’: Necessity (*Ta Deonta*) and (Self) Sufficiency (*Autarkeia*) in Human Life”

FRI. BREAKFAST 8:30 AM

FRI. 9:30—11:30 AM

II. PATRISTIC VIEWS OF NATURE

- David Bradshaw, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, U.S.A., "The *Logoi* of Beings in Patristic Thought"
- Eric (Justin) Perl, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A., “Hierarchy and Love in St. Dionysius the Areopagite”
- Hieromonk Jonah, Monastery of St. John the Wonderworker, Manton, CA, U.S.A., “St Maximos the Confessor and St. Isaac the Syrian on *Theoria Physike*”

LUNCH 11:45 AM

FRI. 1:00—3:00 PM

III. NATURE IN TWENTIETH CENTURY THEOLOGY

- Gayle Woloschak, Northwestern University Medical School, Evanston, IL, USA, “Ecology, Evolution, and Bulgakov”
- Perry Hamalis, North Central College, Naperville, IL, U.S.A., "The Theological-Ethical Contributions of Archimandrite Sophrony (Sakharov) to Environmental Issues"
- Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University, New York, NY, U.S.A., “Creation Theologies of Vladimir Lossky and John Zizioulas”

FRI. 3:15—4:40 PM

IV. INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

- Nikos Tsiopinis, Metanexus Institute on Religion and Science, Philadelphia, PA, U.S.A. “*Logoi* of Beings and Information; Contemplating ‘All that Is’ in the 7th and 21st century”
- H. Tristram (Herman) Engelhardt, Rice University, Houston, TX, U.S.A., “Ecology, Morality, and the Challenges of the 21st Century: The Earth in the Hands of the Sons of Noah”

FRI. VESPERS 5:00 PM

FRI. DINNER 6:30 PM

FRI. 8:00—9:20 PM

V. HERMENEUTICS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

- Fr. John Chryssavgis, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, New York, NY, U.S.A., Ecumenical Patriarchate, Constantinople, TURKEY, "Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: Insights into an Orthodox Christian Worldview"
- Juretta Heckscher, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., “The Ahistorical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis: Orthodox Christianity and the Failures of Environmental History”

SAT. BREAKFAST 7:45 AM

SAT. 8:30—11:45 AM FIELD TRIP TO SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

SAT. LUNCH 12:00 Noon

SAT. 1:00—3:00 PM

VI. UNDERSTANDINGS OF NATURE: PRE-CHRISTIAN TO POST-CHRISTIAN

- James Carey, St. John’s College, Santa Fe, NM, U.S.A., “Nature in Classical Greek Philosophy and the Bible – An Overview”
- Hieromonk Damascene, Brotherhood of St. Herman, Platina, CA, U.S.A., "The Patristic Understanding of the Cosmos before the Fall"
- Corinna (Cornelia) Delkeskamp Hayes, International Studies in Philosophy and Medicine, Frankfurt, GERMANY, “The Church and the Ecological Movement: How to Avert the Temptations of Nature-Idolatry and False Ecumenism”

3:15—4:40 PM

VII. NATURE AND THE HOLY

- Michael Harrington, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, U.S.A., "Church Walls and Wilderness Boundaries: Defining Spaces of Sanctuary"
- Bruce (Seraphim) Foltz, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL, U.S.A., “Traces of Divine Fragrance: On the Beauty of Visible Creation”

SAT. VESPERS (Special “Vespers for the Protection of the Environment,”
commissioned by the Ecumenical Patriarchate) 5:00 PM

SAT. DINNER 6:30 PM

SAT 8:00—9:20 PM

VIII. IN PRAISE OF THE GOD OF ALL CREATION

Fr. John Panteleimon Manoussakis, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA,
U.S.A., “*Physis and Ktisis*”

Scott (Isaak) Cairns, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, U.S.A., “Honoring the
Matter of the World and the Word”

SUNDAY: DIVINE LITURGY

POST-LITURGY SNACK 10:30 AM (or immediately after Liturgy)

CHECK OUT

SUN. 11:00—12:00 AM

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Break-out sessions on what comes next, with reports to the group

BRUNCH 12:00—1:00 Noon