



The VII Institute of St. Mardarije and Sebastian

is taking place at the Holy Resurrection Serbian Cathedral in Chicago from February 5 to 7, 2024

*Join us for an enriching week of spirituality, dialogue,
and deep in-sights into the essence of faith in contemporary times.*

We are delighted to announce that Archbishop Demetrios Trakatelis, the former Archbishop of America, will grace us as the keynote speaker for this prestigious event.

Archbishop Demetrios possesses a unique talent for interweaving early patristic exegesis, drawing wisdom from luminaries such as St. John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, Athanasius, Cyril of Alexandria, and Theodoritus of Cyrus. His insights promise to enrich our gathering, which will be attended by clergy and laymen alike, providing them with a profound biblical perspective.

We are planning to host this pan-Orthodox gathering in Chicago, at the Serbian Cathedral of the Holy Resurrection, conveniently located near the O'Hare International Airport. We will also recommend comfortable accommodations at a nearby hotel to ensure a pleasant stay for all participants.

Archbishop Demetrios's presence and wisdom will be the cornerstone of this conference, offering invaluable insights to all who attend. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with one of the foremost biblical scholars of our time.

Our vision for this symposium is to create an atmosphere reminiscent of ancient symposia, fostering a warm and intellectually engaging environment. To kick off the event, a speaker will provide a brief overview of the key themes that have defined Archbishop Demetrios' illustrious academic career. Following this introduction, we eagerly anticipate the Archbishop's profound exploration of biblical texts, a subject to which he has devoted his life as a biblical professor.

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*Keynote
speaker*

**Archbishop
Demetrios
Trakatelis**
Former
Archbishop
of America

Archbishop Demetrios served as the Archbishop of America from 1999 to 2019. Born in Thessa-Ioniki, Greece in 1928, he graduated from the University of Athens School of Theology in 1950 and was ordained a deacon in 1960 and a priest in 1964. He earned a Ph.D. from Harvard in 1972 and a Th.D. from the University of Athens in 1977. Demetrios was elected bishop in 1967. He served as a professor at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and as a visiting professor at Harvard Divinity School. Elected Archbishop of America in 1999, he focused on unity and ecclesiastical stability in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. He chaired the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas and the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States. In 2015, he was named Geron/Elder hierarch by the Ecumenical Patriarchate. A prolific writer and speaker, Archbishop Demetrios authored several books and received numerous honorary degrees.

Monday, February 5

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration
6:00 pm – 6:50 pm Vespers
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Welcome and Introductions
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Dinner & Welcome by the host
9:00 pm Wine & Cheese Reception and Book Signing

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration for New Arrivals
8:30 am – 10:00 am **Divine Liturgy**
10:00 am – 10:45 am Continental Breakfast
10:45 am – 11:30 pa **Archbishop Demetrios' Lecture I:**
The Creative Power of the Ministry (Diakonia) of the Word (Acts 6:2-5)
11:30 am – 12:15 pm Discussion*
12:15 pm – 12:30pm Break
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch
2:30 pm – 4:45 pm Break
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm **Archbishop Demetrios' Lecture II:**
Contemporary Challenges Facing the Orthodox Church
5:45 pm – 6:30 pm Discussion*
6:30 pm – 7:15 pm Vespers
7:30 pm – 8:20 pm Dinner
8:30 pm – 9:30 pm Fellowship

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 am – 9:15 am Orthros
9:30 am – 10:20 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am – 11:30 am **Archbishop Demetrios' Lecture III:**
One Jesus—Four Gospels
11:30 am – 12:15 pm Discussion*
12:30 pm – 1:50 pm Lunch and Music Program
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Presentation of Certificates

* For Q&A Sessions:

Please note that a 5-minute break will follow each presentation.
This interval is designated for the collection of written questions from attendees.

Hotel Info

Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites Hotel

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