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NEWSLETTER  
2015**

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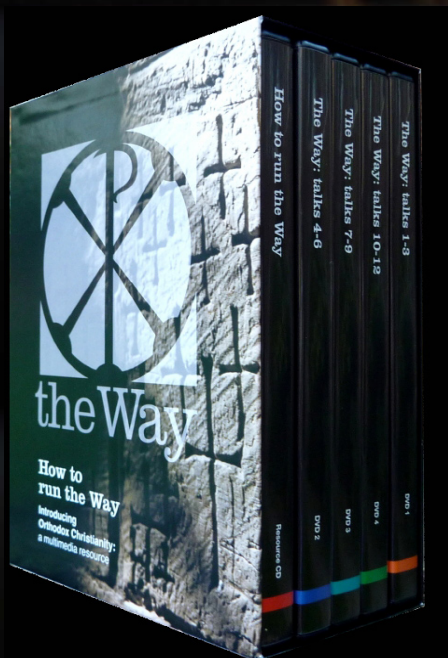


**THE INSTITUTE FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES, CAMBRIDGE**

### **THE WAY COURSE ADVANCES INTERNATIONALLY**

Following an experimental run of THE WAY course in a few Bucharest parishes in 2013 with 'outstanding missionary results', His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel of Romania granted his High Blessing last year for the implementation of the IOCS-developed instructional course for adults in as many parishes possible in the Archdiocese of Bucharest. The Department for Education and Youth Activities of the Archdiocese is ready to provide all necessary materials to the parishes through their respective deaneries – including the videos of the original speakers with a Romanian translation.

In the meantime a translation has also been finalised in Greece, where THE WAY course is to become part of a similar process of implementation.





**NEW!**

BA WITH HONOURS  
IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY AND MISSION  
2015-2016

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## THE BA (HONS) IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY AND MISSION

September 2015 will be a great beginning for Orthodoxy in the British Isles, for it marks the start of our Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Ministry and Mission, an honours degree that is the only qualification of its kind organized within the national 'Common Award' by an Orthodox institution, though taught as a collaborative effort with other Christians.

Validated by the ancient and prestigious University of Durham, the degree is open to anyone with the necessary requirements for enrolment who wishes to study the Orthodox Christian faith in depth. Students will be attracted to it by a wish to learn and (we hope) an eagerness to teach; but it brings with it the usual professional benefits: an honours degree that opens the door both to graduate employment and to the higher reaches of the British educational system. What is more, compared to other degree courses, it is significantly cheaper, since suitable students may apply for generous bursaries to further their education, whilst also being eligible for government loans to cover fees and maintenance.

Though our BA in Theology does not lead automatically to ordination (which is entirely the decision of an Orthodox bishop), it can be an important part of preparation, and a number of Orthodox jurisdictions in this country require that candidates have a first university degree. Moreover, at a time when a government survey shows that only a third of teachers of religious education in schools have appropriate qualifications, there is clearly a need and an opportunity for dedicated instructors.

But more than anything, this is an opportunity to deepen together our knowledge of the Christian faith and to equip ourselves to spread it abroad.

## CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA IN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES BY DISTANCE LEARNING

For more than five years the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies has offered a version of its Cambridge-based courses on-line, using the internet and the latest advances in on-line teaching and learning methodology to make available some of the most distinguished teachers of Orthodox studies to students anywhere in the world.

The Distance Learning programme follows our Cambridge face-to-face courses. You will be taught by experts drawn from the United Kingdom and around the world, who present an up-to-the-minute digest of their topic on video and sound recording, available at any time and anywhere for private study.

We aim to offer the whole 'Cambridge experience', so that you can sit in on the lecture room while your fellow-students discuss with the lecturer what has been said. But we also make special provision to combat 'the loneliness of the long-distance learner'.

The modules of the course are taught as separate units, so students may join the course at any time. However, the modules follow in sequence through the two years, and students are advised to hold as far as possible to the proposed two-monthly timetable for each module, so that staff and students may consider the same topic together.

Each distance-learner will have a personal Tutor who keeps contact by e-mail, advises on study techniques, comments on drafts of work to be submitted, and conducts online discussions with groups of students at least once per week.

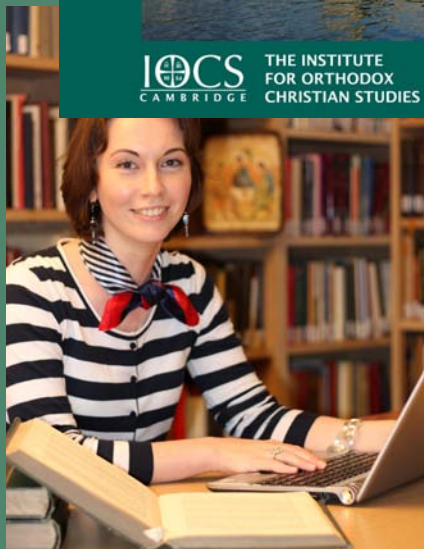
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# THE MA IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY **NEW!** AND MISSION

IOCS now accepts students for a postgraduate Certificate and Diploma leading to a Masters degree. The IOCS pathway bears the title *Christian Thought in the Contemporary World*. Its main aim is to explore how the Church and Christian theology can critically and creatively relate to the contemporary world and contemporary thought. Students have the opportunity to reflect on the current ecumenical situation, the dialogue between theology and science, secularisation, and the relationship between philosophy and theology.

At IOCS, students study together with colleagues from other traditions in the Cambridge Theological Federation: Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic and Reformed.

In this diverse context IOCS students are encouraged to articulate and communicate their Orthodox faith and identity. What is an Orthodox understanding of the faith and how is it to be communicated today? How different are the concerns of the Western churches from those of the Orthodox churches? These are questions that Orthodox students face in a protective environment of dialogue and intellectual debate that will equip them to handle such issues in their home communities.

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ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY



## **NEW!**

### PHD IN ORTHODOX STUDIES

Our new programme is of the highest quality and available to anyone, anywhere, who has the necessary initial qualifications and a topic in Orthodox studies that he or she is passionate to explore. Your research does not necessarily require that you reside in Cambridge – though we encourage you to take as much advantage as you can of a major intellectual centre. Study can be full-time or part-time, but we can provide guidance in almost any area of scholarly interest, wherever you are, provided you can keep contact with your supervisors by personal meetings, Skype, telephone or email.

We believe we are unique in the western world as an Orthodox foundation yet part of an ecumenical Christian endeavour and allied to the internationally renowned University of Cambridge. If you are interested in doctoral studies through IOCS, our brochure will guide you through (please check our website).

We can guide you in your choice of topic and offer you a specialist supervisor drawn from some of Orthodoxy's most distinguished scholars.

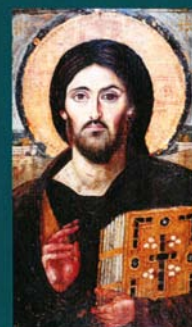
## THE IOCS LITURGY PROJECT

The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies has launched a programme of translation this year to present the ancient but still living texts of the Liturgies of Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Basil the Great. The programme is also intended to assist the worship-experience of the Orthodox communities of Great Britain, whatever their ethnic background, by producing a single modern English translation of the Greek originals that can lie alongside texts in a church's language of origin, providing a book for those who celebrate alternately in both languages but catering also for communities who celebrate mainly in their own language but occasionally in English.

The Institute has published already two books as part of this long-term project: the English Text of 'The Divine Liturgies of Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Basil the Great' and a bilingual Romanian-English edition of the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom - already in use in the Romanian Parish of Saint John the Evangelist, Cambridge. Both publications are available now through Amazon.

## **NEW!**

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A  
SFANTULUI IOAN GURA DE AUR  
+  
THE DIVINE LITURGY  
OF  
SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM







## THE IOCS RESEARCH CENTRE

The Research Centre of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies brings together staff, research students and scholars from around the country and from overseas for monthly or bi-monthly meetings throughout the academic year. Membership as a Research Associate bestows certain privileges and is by invitation; but sessions are open to all who are interested in sharing and discussing ongoing research on Orthodox topics. Recent presentations have included:

Models of Christian Fellowship: a Case Study of Ethiopian Orthodox Associations' (Alexandra is a Research Associate of the Institute and holds a doctorate from University College, London)

\* Dr Caroline Shepherd presented 'A study of the psychological state of hesychia in an anonymous collection of the Sayings of the Desert Fathers'

\* Fr Dragos Herescu (Assistant Lecturer at IOCS currently completing his doctorate and also priest of the Romanian Orthodox congregation in Cambridge) gave a paper on 'Religion in Romania: some thoughts on ethno-religiosity, on Church-State relations, and the impact of secularisation'

\* Deacon Isidoros Katsos (undertaking a doctorate at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Divinity) gave a talk on 'Divine infinity in Philo of Alexandria: "Much ado about nothing?"'

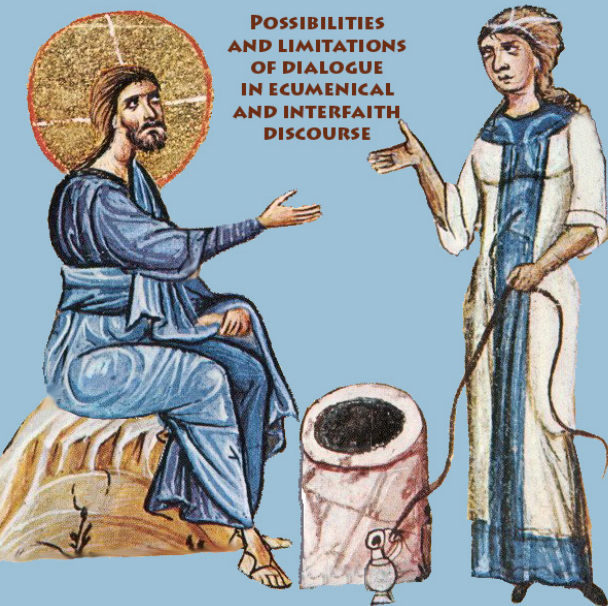
\* Dr Christine Mangala Frost (A Research Associate of the Institute and Co-ordinator of the Research Seminars) gave a foretaste of her forthcoming study on Hinduism and Orthodox Christianity, 'The Quest for the Divine: an appraisal of bhakti (the Hindu tradition of devotional love) from an Orthodox Christian perspective'



**JOIN US ESPECIALLY FOR THE IOCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE!**

## FAITH, IDENTITY & OTHERNESS

POSSIBILITIES  
AND LIMITATIONS  
OF DIALOGUE  
IN ECUMENICAL  
AND INTERFAITH  
DISCOURSE



## IOCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**31 Aug - 2 Sept 2015**

**Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge**

The icon on our Conference poster says it all. How do we, as followers of Christ, relate to 'the other' in other persons and in other religions? What should our relation be to those who share our Christian allegiance yet are members of other Churches? And what about those of other faiths who are drawn to Christ, and may even wish to claim him as their own? What can dialogue achieve and what are its limitations? What can 'mission' mean in a multi-cultural society? And how do we, like the Phoenician woman, respond to Christ's illumination of that 'other self' within us that we prefer not to acknowledge?

All this and more will be handled by our distinguished speakers, and then opened for discussion. Our speakers include: Revd Prof Nikolaos Loudovikos (University Ecclesiastical Academy of Thessaloniki) ❖ Dr Dominic Rubin (Higher School of Economics, Moscow) ❖ Prof Ivana Noble (Charles University of Prague) ❖ Dr Gorazd Andrejc (Wolf Institute, Cambridge) ❖ Revd Dr Alexander Tefft (IOCS) ❖ Dr Christine Mangala Frost (IOCS) ❖ Dr Razvan Porumb (IOCS)

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