

Halki Summit V



Sustaining the Future of the Planet Together

The Prophetic Ministry of Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

It is not coincidental for the Christian world—and vital for the protection of the environment—that the Pope and the Ecumenical Patriarch have issued joint statements on caring for God’s gift of creation. His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew published encyclicals and initiated conferences on ecological issues for more than thirty years. His Holiness Pope Francis published a seminal encyclical and publicly spoke on climate change from the outset of his ministry. Together the two leaders present a unified approach and prophetic voice on the inseparable relationship between sustainability of the planet and salvation of the world.

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THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE PRESENTS

HALKI SUMMIT V

ISTANBUL, 8-11 JUNE, 2022



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THE PROPHETIC MINISTRY OF POPE FRANCIS
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Program

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – Official Opening

18:30 – *Welcome and Greetings*

- Halki Summit: [Fr. John Chryssavgis](#) (Ecumenical Patriarchate) & [Angela Caliaro](#) (Sophia University Institute)
- His Excellency [Mgr. Marek Solczynski](#), Apostolic Nuncio to Turkey
- [Margaret Karram](#) (President: Focolare Movement; Vice-Chancellor: Sophia University Institute)
- [Prof. Giuseppe Argiolas](#) (Rector: Sophia University Institute)

19:00 – *Keynote Address*

- [His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew](#)

19:30 – *Music: “Turn Around” by Gen Verde*

20:00 – *Reception*

Thursday, June 9, 2022

9:00 – *The Roots of the Ecological Crisis: Fundamental Perspectives*

- Moderator: [Rev. Protodeacon Jovan Anicic](#) (Director: Dept. of Christian Education, Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America)
- [Prof. Sergio Rondinara](#) (Sophia University Institute)
- [Dr. Chris Durante](#) (St. Peter’s University)
- Discussion

11:00 – *Commitment to Creation as our Common House: Global and Political Perspectives*

- Moderator: Noemi Sanches (Sophia University Institute)
- [Prof. Vincenzo Buonomo](#) (Rector: Pontifical Lateran University)
- [Theodota Nantsou](#) (WWF, Greece)
- Discussion

13:00 – *Lunch & Conversation*

15:30 – *Depart for Life-Giving Monastery, Balıklı*

- Tour of Church and Patriarchal Tombs
- Vespers of St. Bartholomew

Friday, June 10, 2022

Ferry to Halki

11:15 – *Welcome and Greeting*: [Bishop Kassianos of Arabissos](#), Abbot

- Represented by [Rev. Meletios Stefanatos](#)

11:30 – *Integral Ecology and Social Doctrine: Fratelli Tutti and For the Life of the World*

- Moderator: [Dr. Nikolaos Dimitriadis](#) (President, CEMES)
- [Prof. Giuseppe Argiolas](#) (Rector: Sophia University Institute)
- [Prof. Vasilios Makrides](#) (University of Erfurt)
- Discussion

13:30 – *Lunch & Conversation*

14:30 – *Guided Tour*

- Holy Trinity Monastery and Theological School Library

16:00 – *Teaching and Advancing a New Paradigm: Evangelical and Educational Perspectives*

- Moderator: Dr. Antonis Kalogerakis (Academy of Crete)
- [Mgr. Angelo Vincenzo Zani](#) (Secretary: Vatican Dicastery of Catholic Education)
- [Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis](#) (Volos Academy for Theological Studies)
- Discussion

Return to Istanbul

21:00 – *Dinner*

Saturday, June 11, 2022

9:00 – *The Imprint of the Creator in Creation: Theological and Spiritual Perspectives*

- Moderator: [Prof. Charidimos Koutris](#) (University of Thessaloniki)
- [Prof. Msgr. Piero Coda](#) (Co-Director: Patriarch Athenagoras and Chiara Lubich Ecumenical Chair; Secretary General: International Theological Commission of the Catholic Church)
- [Rev. Dr. Augustinos Bairactaris](#) (University Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete)
- Discussion

11:00 – *The Holy See and the Ecumenical Patriarchate: Ecumenical Perspectives*

- Moderator: [His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of Selyvria](#) (Co-Director: Patriarch Athenagoras and Chiara Lubich Ecumenical Chair)
- Prof. Sr. Alessandra Smerilli (Under-Secretary, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development)
- [Archbishop Job of Telmessos](#) (Dean: Institute of Orthodox Theology, Chambésy; Co-President: International Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church)
- Discussion

12:30 – *Conclusion*

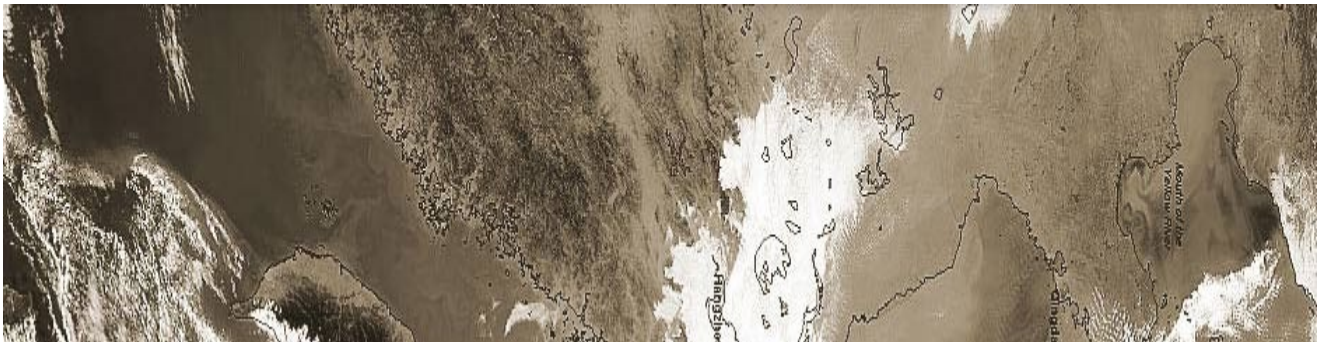
13:00 – *Lunch & Conversation*

Visit to Phanar and Hagia Sophia / Departures

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Final Departures

Fr. John Chryssavgis



Rev. Dr. John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, studied in Athens and Oxford, and taught in Sydney and Boston. He serves as theological advisor to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. His publications include *Light Through Darkness: the Orthodox tradition* (Orbis Books), *Toward an Ecology of Transfiguration: Orthodox Christian perspectives on environment, nature, and creation* (with Bruce Foltz, Fordham University Press), and *On Earth as in Heaven: Ecological vision and initiatives of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew* (Fordham University Press). His latest book *Creation as Sacrament: Reflections on ecology and spirituality* was published by Bloomsbury Publishing. He lives in Maine.

Mgr. Marek Solczynski



His Excellency Mgr. Marek Solczynski is a Polish prelate of the Roman Catholic Church who joined the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1993 and has served as an Apostolic Nuncio since 2011. His early posts included, among others, Russia, the United Nations and the United States. In 2022 was appointed by Pope Francis as Apostolic Nuncio to Turkey (including Azerbaijan). He studied Theology and Philosophy in Warsaw, completing postgraduate studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Gregorian Ecclesiastical Academy and earning a doctorate in Canon Law. He speaks Polish, Italian, Russian, English, Spanish, French and Czech.

Margaret Karram





Margaret Karram was elected President of the Focolare Movement on 31 January 2021. Born in Haifa, Israel in 1962 into a Palestinian Catholic family, at the age of fourteen she encountered the Focolare spirituality. Her commitment to dialogue led her to the United States, where she graduated from the American Jewish University. In 2002 she became co-responsible for the Focolare community in the Holy Land. In 2013 she received the Mount Zion Award for Reconciliation. In 2014 she was elected member of the General Council of the Focolare Movement. In 2016 she was awarded the St. Rita International Prize for promoting dialogue among Christians, Jews, Muslims, Israelis, and Palestinians.

Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Argiolas



Giuseppe Argiolas is Rector of the Sophia University Institute (Loppiano, Florence – Italy) where he is also Professor of Management and teaches Social Management. With a PhD in Business Management obtained in 2005 at the University of Cagliari (Italy), his research interests include Corporate Social Responsibility, Mission-Driven Organizations, Economy of Communion, Civil Economy and Management. Of particular relevance among his publications, is *Social Management. Principles, Governance and Practice* (Springer, 2017). He was recently the Keynote Speaker at the Meeting of Mediterranean Bishops and Mayors (23–27 February 2022) held in Florence with an address on “What duties for religious communities in cities?”

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew



His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew is spiritual leader to 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide. He is the 270th Archbishop of the 2000-year-old Church founded by St. Andrew, serving as Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, and Ecumenical Patriarch since 1991.

The Patriarch’s consistent vision to promote reconciliation among Christian churches, his tireless efforts to promote human rights and religious tolerance, together with his pioneering work to advance international peace and environmental protection, have placed him at the forefront of global visionaries as an apostle of peace and reconciliation.

Affectionately known as the “Green Patriarch,” His All-Holiness has been a trailblazer on issues related to the protection of the natural environment, organizing numerous symposia, seminars, and summits on the ecological crisis. He was named one of Time Magazine’s 100 Most Influential People in the World for “defining environmentalism as a spiritual responsibility,” while *The Guardian* recognized him as one of the world’s leaders in raising environmental awareness.

Dn. Jovan Anicic



Dn. Jovan Anicic holds degrees from Orthodox Theological Faculty of Belgrade, M. Div. from Pontifical Gregorian University of Rome, and Ph.D. in Patristic Theology from Faculty of Dogmatic Theology at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. He is the director of the Department of Christian Education of the Serbian Eastern American Diocese.

Prof. Sergio Rondinara



Born in Marcellina (near Rome), Sergio Rondinara graduated in *nuclear engineering* from the Sapienza University of Rome, obtaining Licenses in *Philosophy* and in *Fundamental Theology* at the Pontifical Gregorian University. His research lies in Religion and Science, while he also curates the Science and Faith series of the Città Nuova Publishing House. He collaborated with Chiara Lubich in founding *EcoOne*, an international network of researchers, teachers and professionals in the environmental and naturalistic fields, serving as its coordinator (1999–2008). He has taught *Philosophy of Nature*, *Environmental Thought*, and *Environmental Ethics* in various universities of the Pontifical circuit in Rome.

Chris Durante





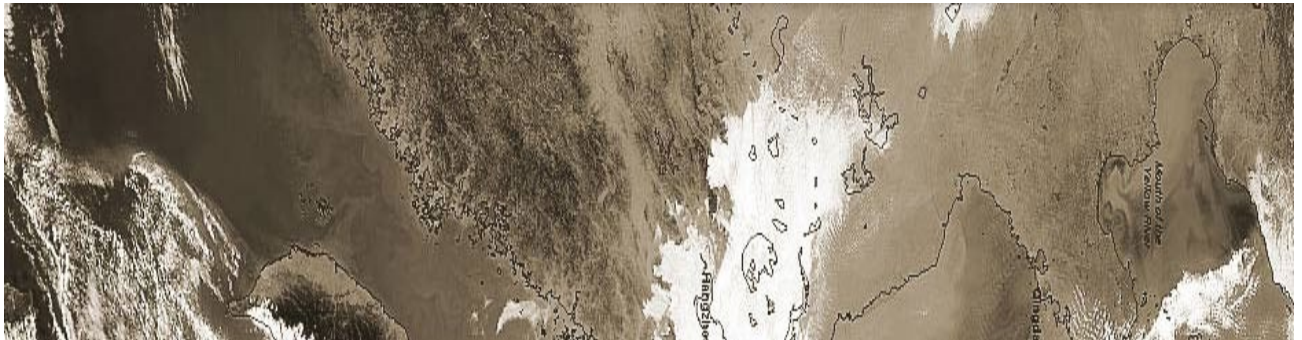
Chris Durante, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor in the Department of Theology at Saint Peter's University, New Jersey, as well as Fellow of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights, where he serves on the Organizing Committee of the Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion workshops. His research and teaching interests are in religion, ethics and society broadly construed to include: Bioethics, Comparative Religious Ethics, Ecological Ethics, Religion and Politics, and Moral Theology. His publications have appeared in a number of academic journals, including the American Journal of Bioethics; Medicine, Healthcare and Philosophy; the Journal of Global Ethics; and the Journal of Church and State.

Prof. Vincenzo Buonomo



Born in Gaeta (Italy) in 1961, Dr. Buonomo is President of the Pontifical Lateran University (2018–2022), Full Professor of International Law and Organization and Human Rights Law at the School of Law of the Pontifical Lateran University, Invited Professor of International Law and Organization at University Institute of Sophia, Scientific Director of the Master’s in New Paths of Cooperation and International Law, Advisor to the Pontifical Councils for Inter-Religious Dialogue and for Legislative Texts. He is also Counsellor of the Vatican City State, and Former Dean of the School of Law, where he coordinated the doctoral programmes.

Theodota Nantsou



Theodota Nantsou is head of policy at WWF Greece and chair of the Strategy Board of WWF’s European Policy Office. She has studied philosophy in Athens, and holds a master’s degree in environmental ethics from Lancaster, and public administration. Her work focuses on policies addressing the climate crisis, nature protection, and governance for sustainable development and the transition to climate neutrality. She has published a number of articles on environmental policy and ethics in the Greek and international press regarding the need for green reform at all levels. Most recently she co-authored *The Orthodox Church addresses the climate crisis* (2021).

Bishop Kassianos of Aravissos



His Grace Bishop Kassianos of Aravissos, Abbot of Holy Trinity Monastery (Halki Theological School) was born in Constantinople in 1978. He was ordained a Deacon in 1998 by Metropolitan Joachim of Chalcedon. He studied Theology at the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, where he completed his postgraduate studies in 2010. On November 3, 2011, he was ordained a Presbyter by the Metropolitan Athanasios of Chalcedon. On December 4, 2011, he received the rank of Archimandrite, serving the Diocese of Chalcedon. On January 21, 2017, he was ordained Titular Bishop of Aravissos in the Holy Church of the Holy Trinity, serving as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Chalcedon. On March 15, 2020, he was appointed Abbot of Holy Trinity Monastery at Halki.

Rev. Meletios Stefanatos





Fr. Meletios Stefanatos was born in Athens in 1998. He studied Classics and Theology at the National Kapodistrian University of Athens. He was ordained a Deacon on September 6, 2020, at the Holy Trinity Monastery of Halki, where he serves to this day. From 2021 he has been pursuing postgraduate studies at the Theological School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. His publications include *Memory of Metropolitan Maximos of Sardis* (Theological School of Halki, 2021) and *Theological School of Halki: 50 years of silence, anticipation, hope* (Theological School of Halki, 2021).

Dr. Nikolaos Dimitriadis



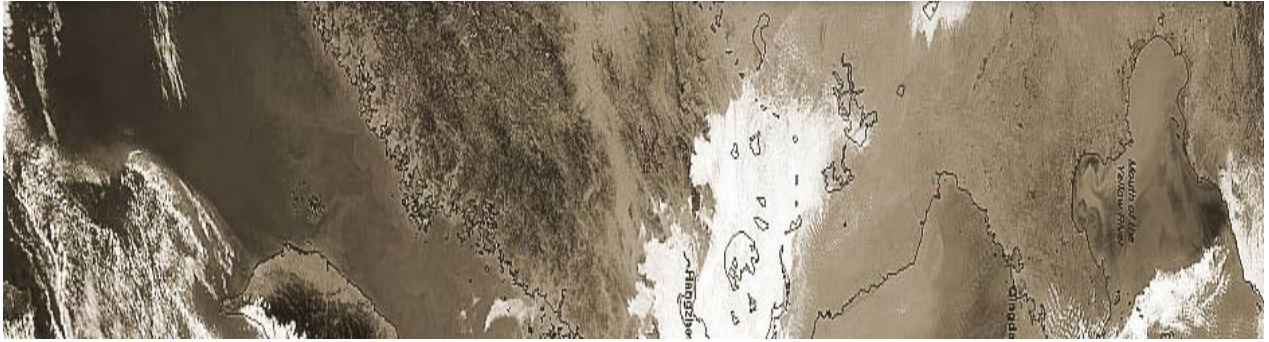
Dr. Nikolaos Dimitriadis is President of CEMES (Center of Ecumenical, Missiological and Environmental Studies Metr. Panteleimon Papageorgiou) and Professor of World Religions at the American College of Thessaloniki. He also teaches Ecology and Ethics in the Master's Program of Orthodox Ecumenical Theology, which this year is devoted to "Eastern/Oriental Orthodox-Latin/Greek Catholic relations." Additionally he serves as Project Manager of the European funded project on the Protection and Security for Places of Worship.

Vasilios N. Makrides



Vasilios N. Makrides studied theology at the University of Athens (1979-1983) and history and sociology of religions at Harvard University (1984-1986) and the University of Tübingen (1986-1991), from where he obtained his doctorate. He has taught at the University of Thessaly in Greece (1995-1998), and since 1999 he is Professor of Religious Studies (specializing in Orthodox Christianity) at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Erfurt (Germany). Among his research interests: Comparative religious and cultural history and sociology of Orthodox Christianity; religious and cultural relations between Eastern and Western Europe; Orthodox Christianity, modernity, and science; Greek Orthodox diasporic communities.

Monsignor Angelo Vincenzo Zani



His Excellency Angelo Vincenzo Zani has served the Congregation for Catholic Education since 2002 (first appointed by Pope John Paul II), serving as its Secretary since 2012. He studied philosophy and theology at the Brescia Seminary, the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) and the Pontifical Lateran University, where he received a doctorate in theology. Ordained to the priesthood in 1975, he attended the Pontifical Gregorian University, earning a License in social science. He taught at the Salesian Philosophical–Theological Institute and the Paul VI Theological Institute (1983–1995), and afterward at the University of Brescia, while directing the Episcopal Conference of Lombardy and the National Bureau of Education of the Italian Episcopal Conference. Pope Benedict appointed him consultant to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (2012), while Pope Francis appointed him consultant to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (2014).

Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis





Nikolaos Asproulis is deputy director of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies (Volos, Greece), and lecturer at the Hellenic Open University (Patras, Greece). He is also manager of the eco-theological project “Green parish initiative and parallel activities” (Church of Evangelistria, Volos-Greece in cooperation with WWF Greece). His recent publications include (co-edited with Theodota Nantsou), *The Orthodox Church addresses Climate Crisis*, (Volos Academy Publications-WWF Greece, 2021), (co-edited with John Chryssavgis) *Priests of Creation: John Zizioulas on Discerning an Ecological Ethos* (T&T Clark, 2021); (co-edited with S. Devenish), *Christian Responses to Spiritual Incursions into 21st-Century Church and Society*, (Cambridge Publishing Scholars, 2020).

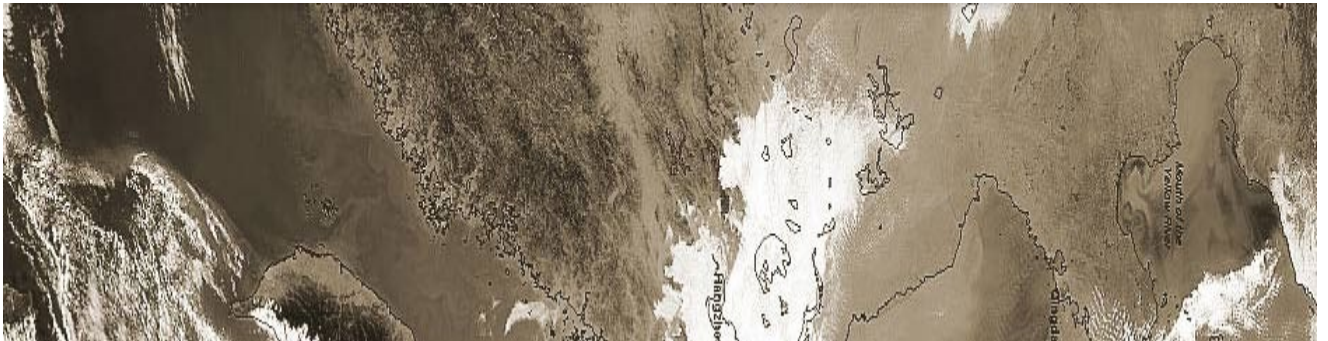
Charidimos Koutris





Charidimos Koutris is Assistant Professor of the History of Doctrines at the School of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece). He studied Theology (BA) and Systematic, Dogmatic and Symbolic Theology (MA) at the same institution. He obtained his PhD from Durham University (UK) in the field of Dogmatic and Symbolic Theology & History of Doctrines, and is currently teaching and conducting research in the fields of Christian history, dogmatic theology, and spirituality.

Msgr. Prof. Piero Coda



Msgr. Piero Coda is Full Professor of Trinitarian Ontology at the Sophia University Institute (Loppiano – Florence, Italy), of which he was the first President (2008-2020). Doctor in Philosophy and in Theology, he is currently Secretary General of the International Theological Commission of the Holy See; member of the International Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church; Director of the “Abbà School” of the Focolare Movement and Coordinator of the “Dynamic Dictionary of Trinitarian Ontology” editorial series. Among his numerous publications: *From the Trinity: the Coming of God in Revelation and Theology* (2020).

Rev. Dr. Augustinos Bairactaris



Fr. Augustinos Bairactaris serves the Orthodox Church of Greece (Crete) and is Associate Professor of Ecumenical Studies at the Patriarchal Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete. He studied at the University of Thessaloniki, the Institute of Higher Theological Studies in Chambésy (Geneva), the University of Fribourg, and the Bossey Institute (World Council of Churches). He is a member of the *CEMES* and *Societas Oecumenica*. He has published six books and over twenty articles in several languages. His academic research focuses on Christian unity and theological dialogue as an ecumenical challenge, the contribution of the Orthodox Church in the ecumenical movement, and eco-theology.

Metropolitan Maximos of Selyvria



His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos of Selyvria completed a Ph.D. at Heythrop College (London) and served as Grand Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarch until his election to Metropolitan in 2014. His publications include *Primacy in the Church From Vatican I to Vatican II: An Orthodox Perspective* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2013). Since 2018, he is Co-Director of the Patriarch Athenagoras and Chiara Lubich Ecumenical Chair at Sophia University Institute.

Archbishop Job of Telmessos





His Excellency Archbishop Prof. Dr. Job of Telmessos is the permanent representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the World Council of Churches in Geneva and the co-president of the International Joint Commission for theological dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. He teaches liturgical theology at the Catholic Institute of Paris and the Institute for Higher Studies in Orthodox Theology (Chambésy–Geneva), where he is dean. His publications include *Participants de la nature divine: La spiritualité orthodoxe à l'âge de la sécularisation* (Apostolia, 2020), *The Euchologion Unveiled* (SVS Press, 2021), and *Abécédaire de la vie spirituelle* (Apostolia, 2021).