

**The Fourth Annual
Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students
Conference in Patristic Studies**

**At Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, Massachusetts
April 17-19, 2008**



**Announcement
&
Call for Papers**

The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute of the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is pleased to announce its fourth annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies on April 17-19, 2008. The purpose of the conference is to bring graduate students together from the fields of Patristic Studies, Historical Theology, and the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity in a collaborative and theological setting to hear and discuss peer research. The conference will begin on Thursday, April 17, at 5:00 p.m., and ends with dinner on Saturday evening, April 19.

Regarding last year's conference, a doctoral student who attended wrote: "Be assured that your graduate conference is one of the best experiences I have had as a graduate student." Another participant wrote "I have only been to a few other conferences so far, but this was by far the most enjoyable and profitable experience I have had at a conference. I look forward to submitting a proposal for next year's gathering."

In addition to presenting and discussing papers, there will other types of opportunities, including a plenary session devoted to group-study of a thematic selection of patristic texts, a panel presentation on how to get your work published, and a divine liturgy commemorating the raising of Lazarus (early Saturday morning).

We are now calling for paper proposals. We strongly encourage all doctoral and masters students with research interests in Patristics, Historical Theology, or the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity to submit a paper abstract of approximately 250 words. Topics relating to eastern Christianity are particularly encouraged. For an example of the range of topics, look at the paper titles from our previous years' conferences at http://www.pappaspatristic.hhc.edu/conferences_archive.html. Each presenter will have up to 20 minutes to present, followed by a prepared response and discussion. Please send abstracts to Dr. Bruce Beck at beck.bruce@comcast.net by

February 15th. You will be informed about the status of your paper proposal on or before February 25th. The deadline for completed papers for distribution to your respondent is **April 6th.**

For those living outside the Boston area, *financial aid* is available to assist with expenses. If you need financial assistance, please include your request for financial aid when you pre-register for the conference (see below). All requests for financial aid need to be received no later than **March 15th.**

To aid in our planning, *all participants need to preregister* at their earliest convenience. There is no registration fee or cost for meals during the conference. **To register**, please send an email to Dr. Bruce Beck (beck.bruce@comcast.net) with your personal information, including address, phone number, institution, degree program, area of study, and dissertation topic. Also, please indicate whether you would be willing to **respond to a paper in your field of interest**. Conference lodging will be at the Dedham Hilton Hotel. If you will need lodging, please register as early as possible to facilitate reserving a place for you to stay. Hotel reservations will be handled through the registration process, and should not be made directly with the hotel. **For more information and updates, please refer to the Institute's website www.pappaspatristic.hchc.edu.**

I hope you will be able to join us this year for the fourth annual graduate student conference in patristic studies on the campus of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

Sincerely,

Bruce Beck, ThD.

Director

Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Founded in 2003 by a generous grant from the late Stephen Pappas and his wife Catherine, the goal of the Pappas Patristic Institute is the advancement and promotion of primarily Greek and other eastern patristic studies in the service of the academy and of the Church.