

WHY A SYMPOSIUM?

Today in North America traditional Christian morality is under violent assault.

The faithful of the Orthodox Churches in Canada live in a society that lives and promotes an anti-Orthodox Christian – secular humanist message – worldview . In order to deal effectively with this challenge we need to understand how the secular world view differs from a patristic Orthodox Christian world view and why. Much too often, many of our members are permeated with a non-Orthodox Christian world view without even realizing it. In the absence of a solid grounding in the teachings of the Orthodox Faith a large percentage of our faithful lead nominal–superficial Christian lives. In particular, this is so when it comes to our understanding of issues relating to gender, sexuality and family life

The purpose of this Symposium is to deepen our understanding of the differences between these world views. To do this, as a first step, we need to explore in some depth the Orthodox Christian view on what is a holy life and then go on to systematically explore the points of conflict.

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**“Faith and Culture:
Gender, Sexuality and
Family Life—The
Challenge of Living a
Holy Life in Today’s**

World

**A National
Symposium**



Date: March 6—8, 2009

St. John's Cultural Centre

Edmonton

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES

- To review, clarify and renew-deepen our understanding of what is a holy life and why are we called to live a holy life by our Orthodox Christian Faith.
- In particular we wish to review, clarify and renew-deepen our understanding of how the Orthodox Christian Faith views-understands gender, sexuality and family life.
- To clearly understand how and why Orthodox Christian norms and patterns of behavior as they relate to gender, sexuality and family life differ from those of the dominant contemporary North American popular culture.
- To challenge our faithful to deepen their commitment to live a holy life as taught by the Orthodox Christian Faith.

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Friday Evening March 6

6:00 Registratiuon

7:00 – 7:15 PM Moleben

7:15 – 7:30 Opening Session – Remarks by Symposium 2009 Chairman Yaroslav Lozowchuk and USRA National President Dr.

Tony Harras

7:30 – 9:30

Part I: The Teaching

Session 1—The Basis for What Constitutes a Holy Personal and Family Life

** Theology of the Holy Trinity aand of the Incarnation/Mankind*

** Purpose of Human Existence and Human Sexuality*

** The Role of Images Both True and False*

Presenter - Rev. Father Andrew Moore

9:30 Reception

Saturday March 7

8:00 – 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy

9:15 – 9:45 Breakfast

9:45—11:15 Session 2

How Theology Informs/Transforms the Culture—*The Redemption of image, language and culture of human sexuality*

Presenter—Very Rev. Father Andrew Moore

Duscussant for Part One—Dr. Valerie Karras

11:15 —12:30 PM

Part 2: Lessons From the Past

Session 3 - Gender, Sexuality, and Family Life in the First Christian Centuries.

Presenter— Dr. Valerie Karras

Discussant—Dr. Roman Yereniuk

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch

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2:00 – 3:15

Session 4 – How the Christian Gospel Changed the Views on and Behavior Relating to Gender, Sexuality and Family Life of Kyivan-Rus

Presenter: His Eminence Bishop Ilarion

3:15 – 3:45 Nutrition Break

3:45 – 5:00

3:45 – 5:00 Part III The Challenge of Today

Session 5 – The Current Challenges to Living a Holy Personal and Family Life – The Insights of an Orthodox Psychiatrist

Presenter: Dr. Peter Kondra—
Questions

5:00 – 7:00 Supper Break

7:00 – 9:00 Session 6

Panel Discussion – How are the Challenges to Leading a Holy Life Experienced by our Faithful Today? (The young, the single, the married, monastics and seniors.)

Moderator: Dr. Roman Yereniuk

Sunday March 8

8:00 – 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy

9:15 – 9:45 Breakfast

9:45 – 12:00 Part 3: From Lessons To Action

Session 7 - Group Session

Part a - Summarizing the Lessons for Orthodox Personal, Family and Community Life

Part b - From Lessons to Action – So what do we do now?

Session Leaders:

Gerald Luciuk and Emil Yereniuk

12:00 – 1:00 PM Dinner - Closing Remarks - Dr. Tony Harras, President, National Executive USRA

Departure for home