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An academic conference organized by the Archive of the Serbian Orthodox Church and the website Historical Studies of the Russian Church Abroad, with the blessing of the Holy Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church and His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of New York and Eastern America, First Hierarch of the ROCOR

From the organizers

The sessions are organized in chronological order. Each panel will be followed by discussion/Q&A. Unless noted otherwise, panels will be chaired by Deacon Andrei Psarev. Papers are in Russian unless otherwise noted. Abridged papers have been posted at: <https://www.rocorstudies.org/category/serbia-2021/>.

There will be a live broadcast along with simultaneous translation of discussions. Video recordings of lectures will be made available on a pay-per-view basis following the event.

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**MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 22 –
ARRIVAL**

-  Check-in and conference registration at reception,
-  followed by an evening meal, at the Belgrade Envoy Hotel
www.envoy-hotel.com

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 23 –
DAY 1**

-  Breakfast available daily from 7:00 a.m.
-  8:50 assembly at the hotel lobby
-  9:00 departure from Hotel Envoy to Holy Trinity Russian Church for a memorial service for Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitskii) and ROCOR hierarchs, clergy, and laity. Tour of the grounds. Departure to the conference hall at Evremova Ul. 47. <https://www.envoy-hotel.com/salvador-dali/>

CONFERENCE
OPENING
SESSION

The ROCOR before the ROCOR


Greetings from His Holiness Patriarch Porfirje, Archbishop of Pec, Metropolitan of Belgrade and Karlovci, and from His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

10:15 – 12:00

Vladimir Viktorovich Burega, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Kyiv Theological Academy and Seminary:
Metropolitan Antonii (Khrapovitskii) as a Ruling Bishop of the See of Kyiv and Galich (1918–1919)

Iuliia Aleksandrovna Biriukova, Don State Technological University, Rostov-on-Don:
The Influence of Political Forces on the Activities of the South-Eastern and First All-Diaspora Church Councils (1919–1921)

The Very Rev. Archpriest Dmitrii Olikhov, Department of Theology, Philosophy, and Cultural Studies, Dostoevsky Omsk State University; Omsk Theological Seminary:
The Convening of Church Councils in 'White' Russia as a Precedent for the Organization of the All-Diaspora Council of the Russian Church

-  12:15–12:30: Coffee break

SESSION



World War II as a Continuation of the Russian Civil War

Chaired by A. V. Slesarev or S. V. Shumylo

12:40 - 14:00

Mikhail Vital'evich Shkarovskii, Leading Researcher, Central State Archive of Saint Petersburg
Relations Between the Russian Church Abroad and the Axis Powers and their Allies during World War II

Ivan Vasil'evich Petrov, Saint Petersburg State University
Contacts between the ROCOR and Clergy and Laity in the Occupied USSR during World War II



Return to Hotel Envoy. Lunch, 14:15–15:15



Immediately after lunch, departure to the conference hall

SESSION



Navigating Canon Law in Uncharted Waters

15:30 - 17:30

The Very Rev. Archpriest Aleksandr Zadornov, Vice Rector for Academic Work, Dean of the Department of Practical Church Disciplines, Moscow Theological Academy, Sergiev Posad:
Sergei V. Troitskii (d. 1972) Assessment of the Status of the Orthodox Episcopate in the Diaspora

The Rev. Presbyter Jovan Marjanac, Secretary of the Diocese of Canada of the Serbian Orthodox Church:
The Canonical Assessment of the ROCOR in the Works of Prof. Sergei V. Troitskii
(to be delivered online, in English)

Svetlana Bakonina, Saint Tikhon's Orthodox University of the Humanities, Moscow:
The Far Eastern Ecclesiastical District as an Alternative to the Supreme Ecclesiastical Authority of the Church Abroad



Return to Hotel Envoy



Dinner at 19:00



Breakfast from 7 a.m.



Sessions on this day will be held in the historical Seminary in Sremski Karlovci
8:30 departure from Hotel Envoy. Tour of the grounds

SESSION
IV

Interactions Between the ROCOR and the
Serbian Orthodox Church

Chaired by Dr. Radovan Pilipović

12:30 - 14:30

The Rev. Presbyter Nemanja S. Mrdjenovic, St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church, Blacktown, NSW,
and Ss. Cyrill and Methodius Orthodox Institute

The relationship between the ROCOR and the Serbian Orthodox Church in Australia from 1950–1969
(to be delivered online, in English)

Srećko Petrović, Dr. Radovan Bigović Christian Cultural Center, Belgrade,
Ph.D. Candidate at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology at the University of Belgrade

Churchmen of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad in the Life and Work of Bishop Nikolai Velimirović
(to be delivered in English)

Yurii Vasil'evich Danilets, Uzhgorod National University, Uzhgorod, Ukraine

The ROCOR and Orthodoxy in Subcarpathian Rus' in the 1920s



Luncheon

SESSION
V

Russian Ecclesiastical Refugees in the Kingdom of Serbs,
Croats and Slovenes and in Yugoslavia

Chaired by Dr. Radmila Radić

16:00 - 18:00

Radovan Pilipović, Director of the Archive of the Serbian Orthodox Church, Belgrade

Russian Priests in the Serbian Orthodox Church (Russian Clergy and their Serbian Flock), 1920–1940

Viktor Ivanovich Kosik, Institute of Slavic Studies, Moscow

The Deeds and Fate of Russian Clergy in Yugoslavia

Alexey Yur'ievich Timofeev, University of Belgrade, Serbia

The Fate of the Russian Parishes in Titov's Yugoslavia 1944-1954



Screening of the documentary "His Excellency Baron Wrangel" (in Serbian with English subtitles)
by the film director, Boshko Milosavljevich.



Return to the Hotel Envoy. Participants will make their own arrangements for dinner.



Breakfast from 7 a.m.



9:45 – Departure from Hotel Envoy to the conference hall

SESSION

VI

Developments during the Cold War

Chaired by Dr. Radovan Pilipović

10:00 - 12:30

Aleksandr Valeri'evich Slesarev, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs,
Dean of the Faculty of Church History and Practical Church Disciplines, Minsk Theological Academy
**The Role of ROCOR Hierarchs Archbishop Filofei Narko and Afanasii Martas in
Founding a Belarusian Diocese under the Jurisdiction of the Patriarchate of Constantinople**

Andrei Aleksandrovich Kostriukov, Saint Tikhon's Orthodox University of the Humanities, Moscow
**Problems in the Relations between the ROCOR Synods of Bishops and Lay Organizations
from 1960 through the 1970s**

Serhiy Viktorovich Shumylo, Director of the International Institute of Athonite Heritage, Researcher
at the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Associate Professor
of the Department of Humanities of the National Academy of Leading Cadres of Culture and Arts of the
Ministry of Culture of Ukraine, Kyiv
The ROCOR and Catacomb Communities in the USSR in the 1970s–1980s



12:30–12:45 – Coffee Break

SESSION

VII

ROCOR and the North American Metropolia/OCA

Chaired by Dr. Vitaly Permiakov

12:45 - 14:15

The Rev. Presbyter Nikolaj Kostur, Secretary of the Serbian Diocese of Midwestern America
**The Relationship between the Russian Orthodox Church in North America
and the ROCOR from 1920–1950**
(to be delivered in English)

Alexis Liberovsky, Archivist – Orthodox Church in America, Director – Office of History & Archives
**The Relationship of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA) and ROCOR from 1950 to the present according
to documents in the OCA Archives**



Return to Hotel Envoy



Lunch, 14:30–15:15

SESSION

VIII




Conclusions and Perspectives

15:30–18:30



The Rev. Deacon Andrei Psarev, Professor of Russian Church History and Canon Law,
Director of Undergraduate Program, Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville, New York:
The Development of the Mindset of the Russian Church Abroad (1921–2021)

Vitaly Aleksandrovich Permiakov, Assistant Professor of Liturgical Theology,
St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY:
Can We Speak of a Liturgical Tradition of the Russian Church Abroad?

The Rev. Deacon Paul Kentigern Siewers, Associate Professor of English, Bucknell University, Pennsylvania:
**Perceptions and Realities of Contemporary Converts to Orthodoxy in North America:
A Survey of Online and Research Evidence and Debate** *(to be delivered online, in English)*

-  Overarching conclusions; general discussion; future plans
-  Return from the conference hall to hotel,
and then transfer by the bus to the reception
-  at restaurant at 20:00

FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 26 –
DEPARTURE

-  Breakfast from 7 a.m.
-  Check-out from hotel by 12:00 p.m.



Optional Activities

A walking tour of Historical Belgrade
by **Dr. Dragoljub Marjanović**, Belgrade University: Byzantine, Serbian and Ottoman aspects *(in Russian/English)*

A walking tour of Russian Belgrade
by **Dr. Aleksej Timofejev**, Belgrade University *(in Russian)*

ONLINE ONLY

To register for online participation in English, go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZcvdu6trzwjH9beTdYuXrYzcSie4QJEqgrT>

To register for online participation in Russian, go to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZArde2orD8qEtwynOEGoe01Us654Eaz_BmC

IN BELGRADE

Those who plan to attend in person please pre-register via email, please write to Deacon Andrei Psarev at: apsarev@rocorstudies.org.

In order to make sure that enough rooms are available for participants, please obtain a reservation form from Mrs. Ana Jovičević (Sales and Marketing Manager) at info@envoyhotel.rs, fill it out, and send it back to her.

The reservation code ROCOR Studies will guarantee a rate of 65 EUR for a single room per night and 90 EUR for a double-occupancy room per night including breakfast.

Conference package (lunch, dinner, coffee break, and water during the conference): 41 EUR per day.

There is an optional dinner on Nov. 22 and/or 24, which will cost 15 EUR per person. The hotel offers a transfer from the airport for EUR 29.

ALTERNATIVE PLACES TO STAY

Mercure Belgrade Excelsior, the first hotel in Serbia which was granted status ALLSAFE by Bureau Veritas regarding of observance of hygienic codes, including contactless interaction. Please make a reservation with Ms. Alena Bondareva (Assistant Sales Manager) at HB1E1-SL2@accor.com.

Belgrade Art Hotel, very close to Hotel Envoy. Contact: Biljana Jemuovic, sales@belgradeearthotel.com. Breakfast is included in the room price at both hotels. However, those who stay there will have to pay for the meals at the Hotel Envoy.

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One of the participants, **Steve Lacey** from London, invites those who are interested to join him on a trip to Mount Athos. Steve will be flying from Belgrade to Thessaloniki at 13:15 on Friday, November 26. He will be staying on Mount Athos from November 27 until November 29, returning to Thessaloniki on November 30, and departing from there on December 1. Steve can be contacted at stevielacey@aol.com.