



# "Links between Times: Conclusions and Perspectives. On the Centennial of the Russian Church Abroad"

An academic conference organized by the Archive of the Serbian Orthodox Church and the website *ROCOR Studies: Historical Studies of the Russian Church Abroad.* 

Belgrade-Sremski Karlovci, Serbia

November 23-24-25, 2021 (Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday)

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. Abridged papers have been posted at: <a href="https://www.rocorstudies.org/category/serbia-2021/">https://www.rocorstudies.org/category/serbia-2021/</a>. 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. For more information, see: <a href="https://www.rocorstudies.org/category/serbia-2021/">https://www.rocorstudies.org/category/serbia-2021/</a>

Questions can be submitted in Zoom in the chat area or in the real time by giving the appropriate signal to get a micro-phone ("raise hand"). Questions put in English to Russian speakers will be translated into Russian by the conference interpreter, and vice versa.

# Tuesday, November 23 – Day 1

10:30–11:00 Argentine time: 06:30-07:00 OPENING CEREMONY

Singing in Church-Slavonic of "O Heavenly King..." and the troparion to the Kursk Root Icon: "Having obtained Thee as an unassailable rampart..."

### Welcome addresses:

- His Holiness Patriarch Porfirije, Archbishop of Pec, Metropolitan of Belgrade and Karlovci;
- His Beatitude Metropolitan Onufrii of Kiev and All Ukraine;
- His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia;
- His Eminence Archbishop Peter of Chicago and Mid-America, President of the ROCOR Centennial Celebration Committee.
- Dr. Nicolas Schidlovsky, Dean, Holy Trinity Seminary Jordanville

#### 11:00–12:30 Argentine time: 07:00-08:30 SESSION I. The Russian Church in Exile before the ROCOR

- 1) Andrei Vladimirovich Popov (PhD, Associate Professor, Department of History and Archive Studies, Institute of History and Archives, Russian State University of the Humanities; Director of Studies for Master"s Program on "History of the Russian Orthodox Church", Moscow): "Archival Heuristics and the History of the Russian Church Abroad" (in Russian)
- 2) Vladimir Viktorovich Burega (Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Kyiv Theological Academy and Seminary, Kyiv): "Metropolitan Antonii (Khrapovitskii) as a Ruling Bishop of the See of Kyiv and Galich (1918–1920)" (in Russian)
- 3) 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)" (in Russian)
- 4) 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" (in Russian)

### 12:50-14:00 Argentine time: 08:50-10:00 SESSION II: World War II as a Continuation of the Russian Civil War

- 5) 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" (online, in Russian)
- 6) Ivan Vasil'evich Petrov (Saint Petersburg State University): "Contacts between the ROCOR and Clergy and Laity in the Occupied USSR during World War II" (in Russian)

#### 15:30–17:30 Argentine time: 11:30-13:30 SESSION III: Navigating Canon Law in Uncharted Waters

- 7) The Very Rev. Archpriest Aleksandr Zadornov (Vice Rector for Academic Work, Dean of the Department of Practical Church Disciplines, Moscow Theological Academy, Sergiev Posad): "Prof. S. V. Troitskii"s (d. 1972) Assessment of the Status of the Orthodox Episcopate in the Diaspora" (in Russian)
- 8) Jovan Marjanac (M.Div., 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" (In English)
- 9) 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" (in Russian)

# Wednesday, November 24 – Day 2

12:30–14:30 Argentine time: 08:30-10:30 SESSION IV: Interactions Between the ROCOR and the Serbian Orthodox Church. Chaired by Dr. Radovan Pilipović

- 10) 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" (online, in English)
- 11) 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 Nicholai Velimirović"
- 12) Yurii Vasil'evich Danilets (PhD, Associate Professor, Uzhgorod National University, Uzhgorod, Ukraine): "The ROCOR and Orthodoxy in Subcarpathian Rus in the 1920s" (in Russian)

# 16:00–18:00 Argentine time: 12:00-14:00 SESSION V: Russian Ecclesiastical Refugees in the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and in Yugoslavia

- 13) 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" (in Russian)
- 14) Viktor Ivanovich Kosik (Institute of Slavic Studies, Moscow): "The Deeds and Fate of Russian Clergy in Yugoslavia" (in Russian)
- 15) Alexey Yurievich Timofeev (University of Belgrade, Serbia): "The Fate of the Russian Parishes in Tito"s Yugoslavia, 1944–1954" (in Russian)

Presentations: Serhiy Viktorovich Shumylo (Kirev), Director, International Institute for the Athonite Legacy;

Screening of the documentary *His Excellency Baron Wrangel* (in Serbian with Russian subtitles) by director Boško Milosavljević.

### Thursday, November 25 – Day 3

10:00–12:30 Argentine time: 06:00-08:30 SESSION VI: Developments during the Cold War Chaired by Dr. Radovan Pilipović

16) Aleksandr Valeri'evich Slesarev (Cand. theol., 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" (in Russian)

- 17) 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" (in Russian)
- 18) 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" (in Russian)

# 12:45–14:15 Argentine time: 08:45-10:15 SESSION VII: ROCOR and the North American Metropolia/OCA Chaired by Deacon Vitaly Permiakov

- 19) Fr. 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" (in English)
- 20) Aleksei Pavlovich 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" (in Russian)

# 15:30–18:30 Argentine time: 11:30-14:30 SESSION VIII: Conclusions and Perspectives Chaired by Dr. Andrey Kostriukov

- 21) 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 ROCOR"s Attitude to the All-Russian Council of 1917–1919 with Regard to the Issue of Conciliarity" (in Russian)
- 22) Dcn. Vitaly 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?" (in Russian)
- 23) 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" (online in English)

# **Registration Fees**

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