

# RENEWING the MALE & FEMALE DIACONATE in the Orthodox Church

October 6 & 7, 2017 . Irvine, California

St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church  
4949 Alton Parkway . Irvine, California 92604

A Pan-Orthodox  
Conference

This conference will examine the theology, history, and purpose of the diaconate; both male and female. It will include four sessions: the present state of the diaconate; the ways men and women are engaged in diaconal service today; the opportunities to engage with both clergy and faithful on rejuvenation of the male and female diaconate; and the current challenges and future possibilities of the diaconate for the building up of the body of Christ.

**Friday, October 6, 7 pm**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Archdeacon John Chryssavgis, Ph.D.  
Author of *Remembering and Reclaiming Diakonia:  
The Diaconate Yesterday and Today*

**Saturday, October 7, 8 am to 5 pm**

SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS

**Rev. Deacon Paul Cherkas**, Graduate of St. Stephen's House of Studies, serving the Ukrainian Orthodox Church /  
**Rev. Father Michael Courey**, St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, Redondo Beach, CA / **Rev. Protodeacon Peter Danilchick**, Orthodox Church in America; Member, Secretariat of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the USA; Trustee of St. Vladimir's Seminary / **Rev. Deacon Nicholas Denysenko**, Director of The Huffington Ecumenical Institute at Loyola Marymount University, Associate Professor of Theological Studies / **Dr. Demetra Velisarios Jaquet**, Greek Orthodox pastoral counselor, spiritual director, and chaplain / **Dr. Valerie A. Karras**, Professor of church history and patristics / **Rev. Protodeacon Brian Patrick Mitchell**, St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Washington, DC / **Rev. Father Alexander Rentel**, Professor of Canon Law and Byzantine Studies at Saint Vladimir's Seminary / **Rev. Father Anthony Roeber**, Professor of Early Modern History and Religious Studies at Penn State and Spiritual Director to Deacons in AOCA Mid-Atlantic / **Dr. James Skedros**, Dean, Professor of Byzantine Studies and Early Christianity at Holy Cross School of Theology, and Director of the GOA Diaconate Program

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