## 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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