

# Renewing <sup>the</sup> Male and Female Diaconate in the Orthodox Church

**October 6 & 7, 2017  
Irvine, California**

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.

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**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  
Rev. Father Michael Courey, D.Min  
Rev. Protodeacon Peter Danilchick  
Rev. Deacon Nicholas Denysenko, Ph. D.  
Dr. Demetra Velisarios Jaquet  
Dr. Valerie A. Karras, Th.D., Ph.D.  
Rev. Protodeacon Brian Patrick Mitchell, M. Th.  
Clio Pavlantos, M.A., C.M.A., M.Div. and B.C.C.  
Rev. Father Alexander Rentel, S.E.O.D.  
Rev. Father Anthony Roeber, Ph.D.  
Dr. James Skedros, Ph. D.

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