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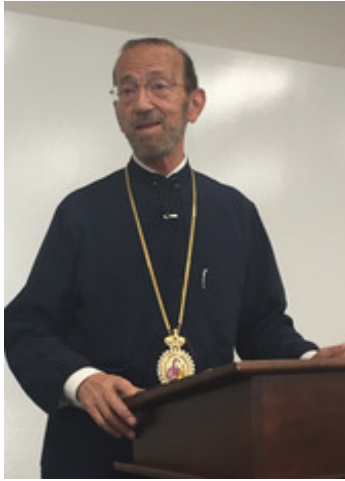
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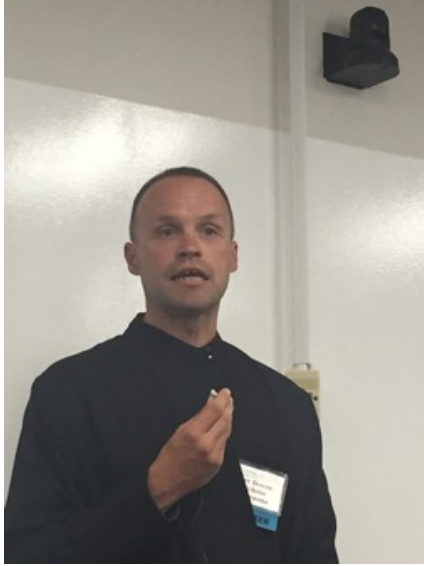
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Deaconesses and Orthodox Theology



By Professor Evangelos Theodorou, translated from Greek

Sixty-five years ago, in 1949, in my book entitled, *Heroines of Christian Love: The Deaconesses through the Centuries*, and more than sixty entire years, in 1954, with my doctoral thesis on the *Ordination of Deaconesses*, I have sown a few seeds that afterward flourished, thus highlighting and promoting the issue of the ordination of deaconesses.

Today, Roman Catholics and Orthodox do not have deaconesses. Deaconesses are in various Protestant, Old Catholic, Anglican communities. We have not yet this traditional institution, but it is auspicious – promising I would say – that there is a huge movement in all the Orthodox Churches and Roman Catholic to revive the institution of Deaconesses. Today they sound more and more voices are heard in favour of reviving the institution of Deaconesses and their ordination. In Orthodoxy I would like to remind you the courageous efforts by the Apostoliki Diakonia to establish many years ago the School of Deaconesses, print my first book *Heroines of Christian Love*, and spread the idea for the renewal of this old institution of the Church. Not to mention, of course, the numerous Inter-Orthodox Conference, which focused on this issue, and particularly and above all the Pan-Orthodox Conference of Rhodes, convened by the care and under the auspices of the holy Ecumenical Patriarchate, which showed the need for the revival of the institution of Deaconesses.

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