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The Call to Revive the Female Diaconate: *Thirty Years After Rhodes*

Saturday, November 3, 2018

1 to 5 pm

Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church
Glenview, (Chicago) IL

Hosted by the St. Phoebe Center for the Deaconess and the [Saint Catherine Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies](#)

In 1988, the Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I convened an international Orthodox consultation to discuss the "Place of Women in the Orthodox Church and the Question of the Ordination of Women."

Official representatives from the various Orthodox churches met in Rhodes, Greece and, among other things, concluded that the female diaconate should be revived.

In recognition of the 30th anniversary of the consultation, the Chicago event will discuss the developments that have come about since the call for the revival of the female diaconate and the issues that still surround this question.

Plan to attend! Information on speakers and registration will be published in this newsletter and on our website.

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Board Members to Present at OCAMPR Conference

The theme of the 2018 annual conference of the [Orthodox Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion](#) (OCAMPR.), is “Compliance and Resistance: Discerning the Spirit,” with speakers offering presentations from the medical, psychological, and theological perspectives. St. Phoebe Center board member Helen Theodoropoulos, Ph.D., has been chosen to provide the theological view.

The conference will be held November 8-10 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Somerset, NJ.

In addition, St. Phoebe Center board member Teva Regule, Ph.D., will be presenting a paper titled "The Diaconal Work of Women: An Exercise in 'Compliance and Resistance.'"



Helen Theodoropoulos



Teva Regule

More information about the conference, speakers, papers, and workshops can be found on the [OCAMPR website here](#).

OCN Interviews Board Member Carrie Frederick Frost on Motherhood



Carrie Frederick Frost

Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) founding father and OCN host Fr. Chris Metropulos recently interviewed St. Phoebe Center board member Carrie Frederick Frost, Ph.D., on the topic of motherhood, the Church, and Orthodox theology.

In her interview, Carrie spoke about the importance of mothers in the church today contributing their thoughts and experiences of motherhood to the Church, as well as theological anthropology (what it means to be a human person), the consecration of the deaconesses in Africa, and the need for the ministry of female deacons today.

Carrie is also a Professor at Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary. Her book, *Maternal Body: A Theology of the Body from the Christian East*, will be published by Paulist Press in 2019.

Listen to the [podcast here](#).

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