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What's Holding the Orthodox Church Back from Reviving the Female Diaconate?

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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
FREE-WILL OFFERING AT THE DOOR

SPEAKER: Teva Regule, Ph.D.
"The Female Diaconate in the Orthodox Church? The State of the Question"

PANELISTS: Randa Karadsheh Anderson, Ph.D., Carrie Frederick Frost, Ph.D., Deacon Perry Hamalis, Ph.D.

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Clockwise from top: Teva Regule, Ph.D., Carrie Frederick Frost, Ph.D., Deacon Perry Hamalis, Ph.D., Randa Karadsheh Anderson, Ph.D.

Panelists will discuss:

- Why Ordination?
- How can a revived male and female diaconate build up the Body of Christ?
- Is NOW the time?

In 1988, Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios I convened an International Orthodox consultation in Rhodes, Greece to explore the ministry and Ordination of women in the Orthodox Church. Notable among its concluding recommendations was the call to revive the female diaconate.

In honor of the 30th anniversary of this consultation, this event will summarize the history of the multiple calls for the revival of the female diaconate, discuss developments in more recent years, and reflect on ways this important ministry can help build up Christ's Church.

Plan to attend!
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**to Speak at
OTSA Annual
Meeting**

**"Women of the
Church: Faith,
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Leadership"
Event at
Fordham
University**

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[Conclusions of the InterOrthodox Consultation
on the Place of the Woman in the Orthodox
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Women, Rhodes, Greece, 1988](#)



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

Updated Document: "Calls for the Rejuvenation of the Female Diaconate in the Modern Era"

This updated document now includes the conference held in Thessaloniki, Greece in 2015, titled "Deaconess, Ordination of Women and Orthodox Theology."

[Download the document.](#)

Now Available in English: Papers from "Deaconess, Ordination of Women and Orthodox Theology" 2015 Conference Held in Greece

This important conference held in Thessaloniki, Greece, produced a number of papers that help us understand and reflect on the many calls to restore the ancient order of the female diaconate for the upbuilding of the Church and its people today.

Deaconesses, Ordination of Women and
Orthodox Theology: Response by Professor
Emeritus Evangelos Theodorou

Men and Women “In the Service of Christ”
Reflections on the Diaconate in the Orthodox
Church, Rev. Archdeacon John Chryssavgis

Additional papers from the conference,
translated into English can be found [here](#).

St. Phoebe Center Board Members to Present at the Orthodox Theological Society in America Annual Meeting

St. Phoebe Center Board Member Teva Regule, Ph.D. and Advisory Board Member Valerie Karras, Ph.D. will make presentations at a session dedicated to exploring the female diaconate in the Orthodox Church at the upcoming meeting of the Orthodox Theological Society in America (OTSA). The meeting will be held at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology this October.

[Get more information here.](#)

Women of the Church: Faith, Service, and Leadership

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Fordham University

Lincoln Center Campus

12th-Floor Lounge

Donna Rizk Asdourian, PhD

Fellow, Orthodox Christian Studies Center,
Fordham University

Ann Bezzerides, PhD

Director of the Office of Vocation and Ministry,
Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox
School of Theology

Tamara Grzelidze, DPhil, PhD

Ambassador of the Republic of Georgia to the
Holy See (Vatican)

Sister Vassa Larin, PhD

Coffee with Sr. Vassa (Podcast)

Member, Commission of the Inter-Council
Presence of the Russian Orthodox Church
(Liturgy and Church Art; Canon Law)

Moderated by Patricia Fann Bouteneff, DPhil
Director, Pan-Orthodox Women’s Network

[Get more information and register here.](#)

**Board Members to Present at
OCAMPR Conference**

The 2018 annual conference of the [Orthodox
Christian Association of Medicine, Psychology,
and Religion](#) (OCAMPR), will be held
November 8-10 in Somerset, NJ, and is titled
“Compliance and Resistance: Discerning the
Spirit.” Speakers will offer presentations from the
medical, psychological, and theological
perspectives.

St. Phoebe Center board member Helen
Theodoropoulos, Ph.D., has been chosen to
address the theological perspective

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In addition, St. Phoebe Center board member
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Teva Regule, Ph.D., will be presenting a paper
titled “The Discernment of the Spirit in the
Exercise in ‘Compliance and Resistance.’”

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More information can be found [here](#).

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