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## OTSA Annual Florovsky Lecture to be Held

**Friday, November 13, 7:30pm** (Eastern Standard Time)

"Community as Church, Church as Community: Death and Resurrection in the Parish Today"

Webinar

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The Orthodox Theological Society in America (OTSA) invites you to its Annual Florovsky Lecture (webinar format) on Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The lecture will be given by the Very Rev. Dr. Michael Plekon. Fr. Michael is Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Religion and Culture at the City University of New York-Baruch College. His talk is entitled, "Community as Church, Church as Community: Death and Resurrection in the Parish Today." Registration is

free and open to the public. [Download a flyer here.](#)

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## Thank You for Your Support!



We are most grateful for your support during our annual fundraising event in commemoration of St. Phoebe the Deaconess, who is remembered in our Church on September 3.

Your generosity will help us meet our goals as we look to the future and the new projects we have on the horizon, including:

- Formalizing guidelines for reviving the female diaconate including qualifications, training, eligibility, formation, and duties
- Continuing to hold educational and collaborative virtual events that engage the faithful and support the St. Phoebe Center mission
- a newly designed website that is easier to use and an updated logo
- Developing ***The St. Phoebe Network***, an exciting new initiative consisting of individuals who are committed to seeing the revival of the ordained female diaconate become a reality in our lifetime and who through their time, talent, and treasure, not only want to verbalize their commitment to this movement but take action in moving it forward.

We know that a renewed female diaconate will help meet the many ministerial needs of the Church today and build up the *entire* Body of Christ by enabling women to offer their gifts, talents, and experiences—their *diakonia*—with the protection, oversight, and sacramental blessing of the Church.

The good news is that it's not too late to support us!

[\*\*DONATE HERE\*\*](#)

Or mail a check to the St. Phoebe Center, 3136 Kingsdale Center #120, Upper Arlington, OH 43221.

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## Thanksgiving Message from the Board



In spite of the hardships we have experienced this year, we are still grateful for many things.

Our connection to you and your support of our work is one of those things for which we are most thankful. As we discern God's will, we know you stand alongside us in our endeavors.

May God richly bless you with a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

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