

REGISTRATION COSTS

Friday Evening Keynote & Reception

Free of charge, registration required

Saturday Symposium

General Admission – \$50

Clergy, clergy wives, senior,
student, & hardship – \$30

HCHC Student – no fee

Walk-in registration – \$70

Sunday Lunch

No-host (purchase your own) following
Commemoration of St. Phoebe
during local Liturgy

NOVEMBER 10-12, 2023

at Holy Cross Hellenic College

Brookline (Boston), MA

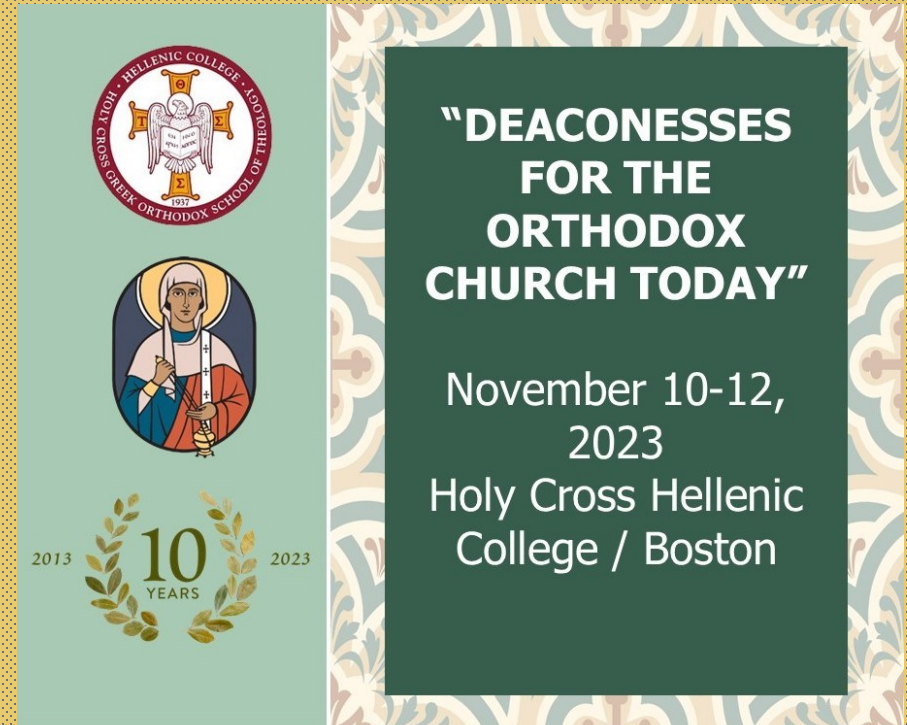
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FOR THE DEACONESS

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The history of the deaconess in the Christian East and the need for women in diaconal ministry today have been amply demonstrated through scores of calls, papers, presentations, and theological discussions. In the past two centuries, many sectors of the Orthodox Church, realizing the need for the diaconate to be restored to its original mission of ministry and service, have appealed for a revival of the entire diaconate including the restoration of the ordained order of deaconess.

This symposium will consider the history and need, as well as the pragmatics of how the Orthodox Church might welcome women—who comprise more than half of the Church—into the diaconate once again to meet the ministerial needs of the Church and the world.

Attention will be given to ways all Orthodox Christians might constructively urge the Church to move forward on ordaining deaconesses to build up the entire body of Christ today.

Friday, November 10, 2023, 7:00pm-9:30pm

Opening Prayer and Welcome:

His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago

Moderator: Archdeacon John Chryssavgis

Joint Keynote:

Deaconesses for the Orthodox Church Today: The History, the Need, and the Future

Drs. Helen Creticos Theodoropoulos & Carrie Frederick Frost

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Saturday, November 11, 2023, 8:30am-5:30pm

Calls for Deaconesses and Women's Ministry in the Church

Moderator: Ms. Sara Tsugranis

Panelists: Dr. Teva Regule, Ms. Sophia Kyrou & Dr. Ioana Popa

(Saturday schedule continued)

Can Women go in the Altar? Addressing the Myths around Ordaining Deaconesses

Moderator: Ms. Kristina Baktis

Panelists: Dr. Valerie Karras, Rev. Dr. Philip Zymaris
& Dr. Paul Ladouceur

How to Restore the Ordained Order of Deaconesses Today

Moderator: Ms. Ann Marie & Mr. Gust Mecera

Speakers: Dr. Carrie Frederick Frost & Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis

Respondents: His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago
& Dr. James Skedros

Ways to Advocate for Deaconesses

Moderator: Ms. Susan Smoley

Group Leaders: St. Phoebe Center Board Members

Celebration of Women's Ministry in the Orthodox Church

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Sunday, November 12, 2023

Liturgy including commemoration
of St. Phoebe's Feast Day, followed by no-host
(purchase your own) lunch.



Additional details, registration, and descriptions of sessions
can be found on the St. Phoebe Center for the Deaconess
website / orthodoxdeaconess.org