



FROM NICAEA TO THE PRESENT [325-2025]

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From Nicaea to the Present (325-2025)

**The Lasting Significance
of the First Ecumenical Council**

**BELGRADE
11-12 december 2025**

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER

9:00–10:30

Divine Liturgy,
Chapel of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology (PBF)

11:00–11:30

Opening of the exhibition of works by professors
and associates of the Academy for Arts and Conservation
of the Serbian Orthodox Church “And We Beheld His
Glory (Jn 1:14)”, ground floor (PBF)

11:30–12:00

Registration of participants

12:00–13:00

Opening of the conference

Greetings:

Archbishop of Peć,
Metropolitan of Belgrade–Karlovci
and Serbian Patriarch Porfirije

Dean of PBF, Presbyter
Srboljub Ubiparipović

Plenary lecture:

Zdravko Jovanović:
The Lasting Significance of the First Ecumenical Council

13:00–14:30

Lunch

FIRST SESSION

Chairs:

Predrag Dragutinović and Vladan Tatalović

14:30–14:45

Archbishop of Požarevac and Metropolitan of Braničevo
Ignatije Midić: *The Christian Ontology Contained
in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed*

14:45–15:00

Metropolitan of Debar and Kičevo Georgije:
*The Importance of Eusebius of Caesarea’s “Vita Constantini”
as a Historical Source for the First Ecumenical Council*

15:00–15:15

Darko Đogo: *Athanasius the Great, Nicaea and the
Concept of Person – Zizioulas through the Lens of Lyotard*

15:15–15:30

Marina Kolovopoulou: *The term “Homousios”
in a Post-Truth era: Nicene Orthodoxy
as a position to Postmodern pluralism*

15:30–15:45

Zlatko Matić: *The Theological Legacy
of the First Ecumenical Council and Contemporary
Comparative Trinitarian Theology*

15:45–16:00

Discussion

16:00–16:30

Coffee break

SECOND SESSION

Chairs:

Bogdan Lubardić and Zoran Devrnja

16:30–16:45

Jelena Femić Kasapis: *From the Documents
of the Council of Nicaea – Philological
and Terminological Issues*

16:45–17:00

Svilen Tutekov: *Anthropological and Ethical Implications
of the Principle of Consubstantiality –
A Post-Nicene Perspective*

17:00–17:15

Nikolaos Xionis: *Freedom and Necessity in God
according to the Teaching of St. Athanasius*

17:15–17:30

Miltiadis Vantsos: *The Moral Content
of the Doctrine of the First Ecumenical Council*

17:30–17:45

Josif Stanković: *Abraham’s Servants and the Fathers
of Nicaea: The Interpretation of the Number 318
in the Tradition of Judaism and of the Church*

17:45–18:00

Discussion

18:00–18:30

Vespers

THIRD SESSION

Chairs:

Nikola Lukić and Vojislav Bašica

18:30–18:45

Danilo Mihajlović: *The Reception of the Old Testament
Figure of the “Angel of the Lord” in the Egyptian
Apophthegmata Patrum of Late Antiquity –
The Question of Christological Interpretation
in the Ascetic Communities of Egypt*

118:45–19:00

Nenad Filipović: *The Imperial Eschatology of Eusebius of Caesarea – A Theopolitical Exegesis of Dan 2 and 7*

19:00–19:15

Miodrag Popović: *Ὅτι ὁ πατήρ μείζων μου ἐστίν (Jn 14:28) – A Narrative-Critical Approach to the Characterization of the Father and the Son in the Gospel of John*

19:15–19:30

Vladimir Milošević: *The Reception of Col 1:17 and Heb 1:2 in the Context of the Controversies surrounding the Arian Heresy*

19:30–19:45

Luka Lukić: *The Role of the New Testament in the Anti-Arian Writings of St Ambrose of Milan*

19:45–20:00

Discussion

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER

7:30–8:00

Matins

FOURTH SESSION

Chairs:

Vladislav Puzović and Miodrag Popović

8:00–8:15

Njegoš Stikić: *The Pre-Nicene Trinitarian Tradition of St Alexander of Alexandria*

8:15–8:30

Dragan Radić: *The Exegesis of 1 Cor 15:28 in the Context of the Arian Controversy*

8:30–8:45

Darko Cvijić: *The Debate on God's Freedom and Necessity in St Athanasius of Alexandria and Plotinus – Is Dialogue Possible?*

8:45–9:00

Aleksandar Đakovac: *Eusebius of Caesarea and the Outcomes of Subordinationist Trinitarian Theology – A Systematic-Historical Evaluation*

9:00–9:15

Nemanja Kostić: *The Monastic Movement and Its Role during the Period of the Arian Controversies*

9:15–9:30

Discussion

9:30–10:00

Coffee break

FIFTH SESSION

Chairs:

Dragan Radić and Milosav Vešović

10:00–10:15

Fotios Apostolos: *Confessions of Faith in Christian Worship before Nicaea: From Baptismal Symbol to Conciliar Formulation of Faith*

10:15–10:30

Justin Živanić: *The Relationship between Canon Law and Liturgical Practice in the Decisions of the First Ecumenical Council – Examples of the Canons on the Reception and Communion of the Lapsi and Their Ecclesiological Significance*

10:30–10:45

Rastko Jović: *The First Ecumenical Council and the Dignity of the Human Person – Theological and Canonical Consequences*

10:45–11:00

Vladimir Antić: *The Kneeling Vespers of Pentecost in the Light of the 20th Canon of the First Ecumenical Council*

11:00–11:15

Filip Marinković: *The Sixth Canon of the First Ecumenical Council – A Historical-Canonical Analysis*

11:15–11:30

Discussion

11:30–12:00

Coffee break

SIXTH SESSION

Chairs:

Vladimir Antić and Obrad Karanović

12:00–12:15

Predrag Petrović: *Time and the Knowledge of God (Eschatological–Historical Aspects of Life in Christ)*

12:15–12:30

Stefan Marić: *Apostolic Authority and the Pre-Nicene Pascha – Collision or Dialogue in the Martyrium Polycarpi, Vita Polycarpi and Martyrium Pionii*

12:30–12:45

Mihajlo Džamtovski: *The Late Antique Church of St Demetrius in Sirmium – Problems of Chronology and Location*

12:45–13:00

Katarina Todorović: *The Development of Early Christian Visual Art before and after the First Ecumenical Council*

13:00–13:15

Jasmina Ćirić: *The Architectural Symbolism of the Vault and the Iconography of the First Ecumenical Council in the Monastery of Dečani*

13:15–13:30

Discussion

13:30–14:30

Lunch

SEVENTH SESSION

Chairs:

Dragan Ašković and Rade Kisić

14:30–14:45

Sava Milin: *The Dogmatic Homilies of St Gregory the Theologian*

14:45–15:00

Dragan Karan: *The Theological Significance of the First Ecumenical Council for the Church Life and Pastoral Ministry of St Athanasius the Great*

15:00–15:15

Sava Milovanović: *The Reintegration of the Meletian Clergy into the Church – Canonical Aspects and Their Contemporary Significance*

15:15–15:30

Ivica Čairović: *The Continuity of Accounts of the First Ecumenical Council (325) in Historical Sources up to the 6th Century*

15:30–15:45

Mihajlo Orović: *The Reception of the First Ecumenical Council in the Anti-Arian Homilies of St Photius of Constantinople – A Historical-Theological Interpretation*

15:45–16:00

Discussion

16:00–16:30

Coffee break

EIGHTH SESSION

Chairs:

Dragan Karan and Sava Milovanović

16:30–16:45

Mihailo Milenković:
Philological and Theological Aspects of the Use of the Psalms and Wisdom Literature in the Arian Controversy

16:45–17:00

Obrad Karanović: *The Dynamics of Right Belief and Right Living in the Vita Antonii of St Athanasius of Alexandria*

17:00–17:15

Dragan Ašković: *Christianity between the Two Councils of Nicaea – From the Conceptual-Linguistic to the Liturgical-Poetic*

17:15–17:30

Vladan Tatalović: *Word, Text and Body – The Exegetical Horizon of the First Ecumenical Council as a Response to the Crisis of Language and Identity*

17:30–17:45

Rade Kisić: *The Ecumenical Significance of the First Ecumenical Council*

17:45–18:00

Discussion

18:00–18:30

Vespers

18:30–20:00

**Final discussion
and closing of the conference**
