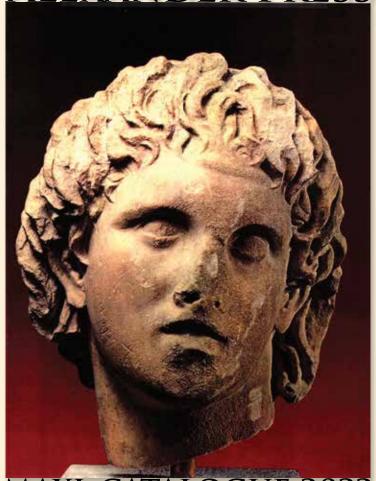
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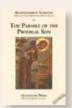
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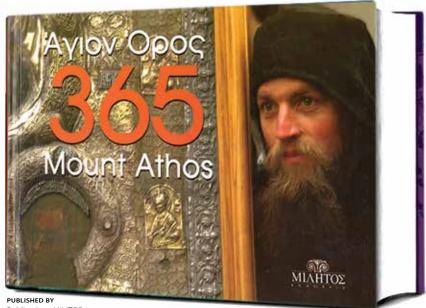
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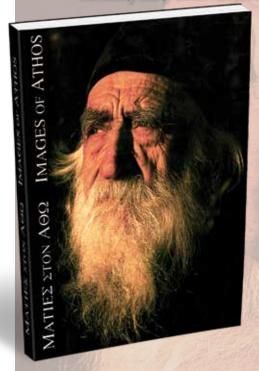
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Theological commentary

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THIS FULLY ILLUSTRATED VOLUME covers the final phase of the work of the iconographer, Theophanes the Cretan (Theophanes Strelitzas) as expressed on the frescoes of Stavronikita Monastery on Mt. Athos. In addition to the Theological Introduction by Archimandrite Vasilios,

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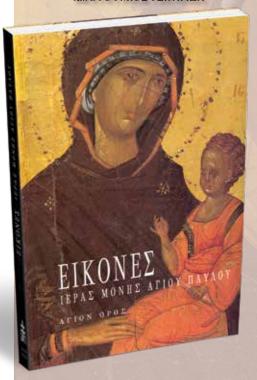
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was restored. Serbian rulers supported the monastery in

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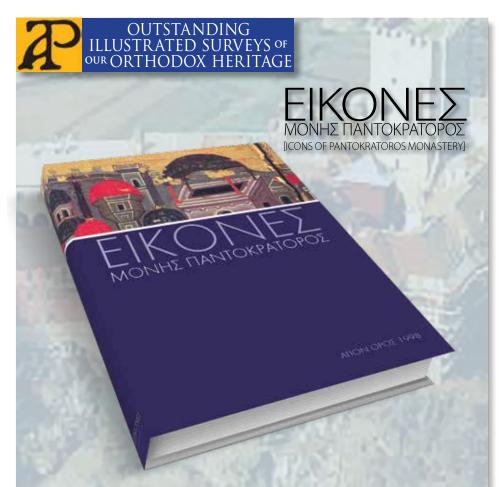
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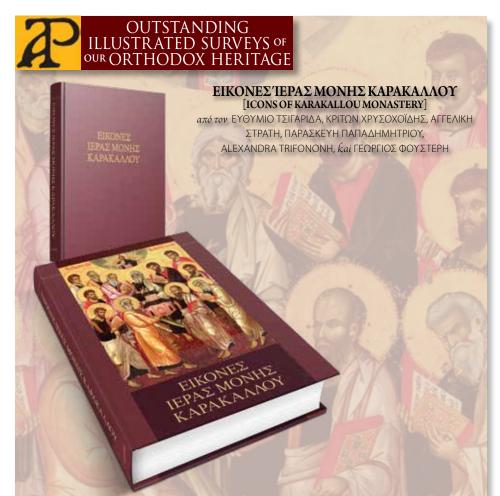
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Christ Pantocrator, which is today in the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg.

Its katholikon, dedicated to the Transfiguration of the Saviour, which was built with the rest of the Monastery, clearly followed its own independent course, both in its architecture and in its wall-paintings, dating back to the late 14th century. The sanctuary screen may be the oldest in Mount Athos. The Monastery possesses a considerable collection of relics of saints, a piece of the True Cross, and many other antiquities. The protecting icon of the Monastery is that of Our Lady Gerontissa, one of the Holy Mountain's miracle-working icons.

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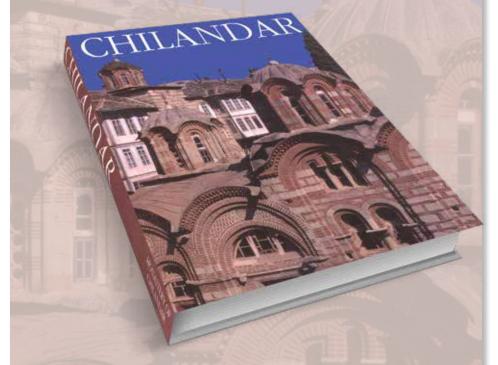
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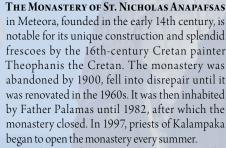
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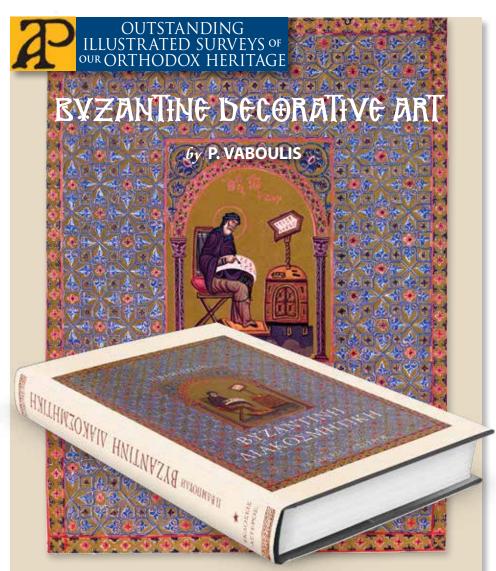
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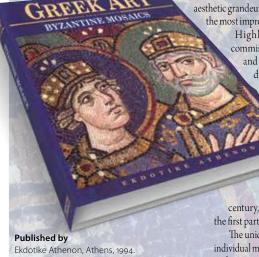
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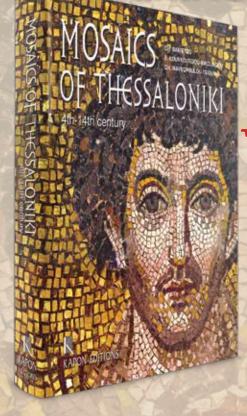
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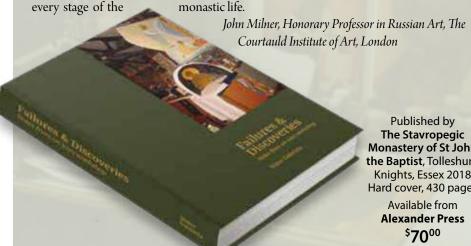
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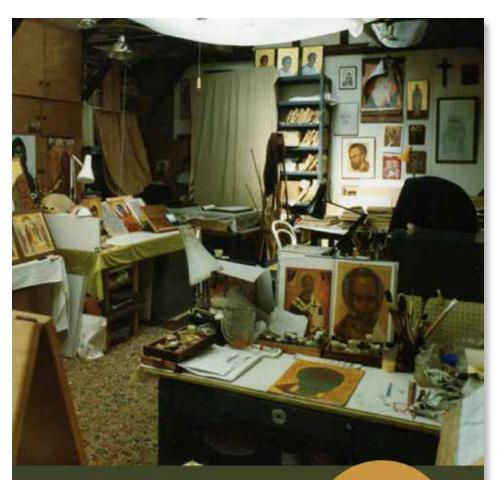
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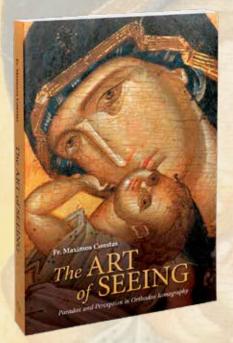
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With God's help and the unstinting assistance of the Community, what we have tried to do in the **Sign of the Theotokos Orthodox Church** in Montreal, Quebec, is to reconcile a typical Byzantine-style iconography with a different architectural form, in such a way as to express the transcending of opposites and the struggle between different forms. We wanted everything to be traditional in a unique way, to have a representational face that was unique and yet would express established Orthodox iconography, without being attached to some national school of icon-painting from the past. We wanted everything to seem luminous, reconciled, united in love, as a small indication of the reality of paradise, the communion of the eschaton.

-Dr. George Kordis

Dr. George Kordis is a very talented iconographer who has painted over 30 churches all over the world. He presently lives in Athens, Greece, although he travels and works around the globe. He has spent a significant amount of time at the University of Athens, where he successfully obatained his doctorate in

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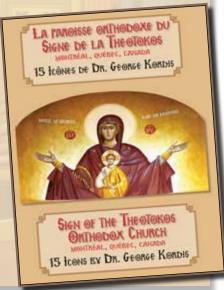
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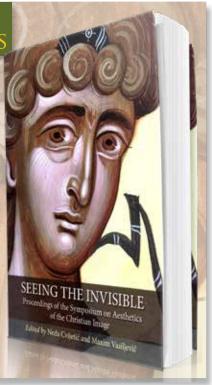
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Four well-known professors - Archimandrite John Pantelimon Manoussakis, Cornelia Tsakiridou, George Kordis, and Bishop Maxim Vasiljević – give us theirinsights into Christian Orthodox Icons, their beuaty, their meaning, and their future in the 21st century. For these authors, working within Tradition is not merely the repetition of old models, but rather the application of immutable principles to solving contemporary pictoral problemsm and a theological aesthetic in which God is to be reached through the senses, including the relationship between the person and the icon.

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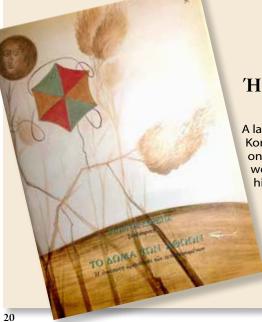
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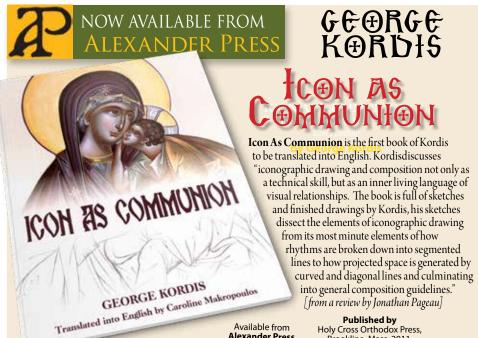
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the thoughts that came to me during my research into and study of Byzantine sources, panel icons, and especially frescoes. This is why I prefer to retain the spontaneous and slighdy unpolished character of spoken language so that these notes might have something of that quality with its characteristic immediacy."

From the author's introduction

GEORGE KORDIS is a celebrated contemporary master iconographer and scholar of the aesthetics and theology of Byzantine art. Born in Greece in 1956, he studied theology at the University of Athens, gaining his MA in theology at Holy Cross Theological School in Boston, where he specialized in both theology and the aesthetics of Byzantine painting. In 1991 he became a Lecturer, and in 2008, an Assistant Professor of

Iconography in the Faculty of Theology there. In addition to his academic work, he also studies and teaches the art of icon painting and paints both icons and secualar works. In the 1980s he worked with the Cypriot master iconographer, Fr Symeon Symeou, and also undertook courses in painting technique at The School of Fine Arts at The Museum of Boston. Upon his return to Athens in 1990, he continued studies in painting and engraving under Fotis Mastichiadis.

George Kordis has exhibited widely and has



painted many portable icons and frescoes in churches and other holy places. His most important commissions include: Monastery of Docheiariou, Mount Athos, St George Cathedral, Beirut, Lebanon, Monastery of the Mother of God, Voiotia, Greece, Monastery of St. Anargyroi, Lakonia, Greece, Monastery of The Ascension of Christ, Voiotia, Greece, Church of the Annunciation, Beirut, Lebanon,

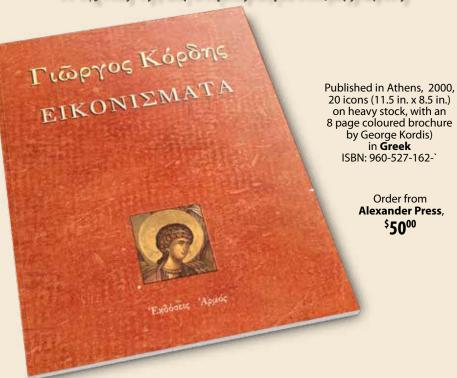
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Γιώργος Κόρδης ΕΙΚΟΝΙΣΜΑΤΑ

Ή τεχνική τής αύγοτέμπερας μέ ύποζωγράφιση



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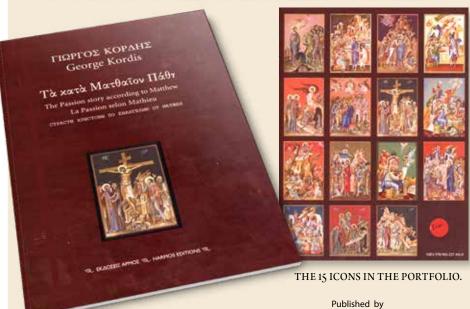
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—George Kordis, 2000



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The Passion of Christ has been a source of inspiration for creative minds throughout the centuries, and for painters and composers above all. The Extreme Humility of the incarnate Word, of the Son of God who assumed in his person the whole of humanity without sin, and his voluntary submission to humiliation, to lashing and to death have indeed moved artists. Many different ways and media have been used to depict this critical moment in the history of man at which the human person made the gravest of errors and put to death Life itself, our Creator and Maker.

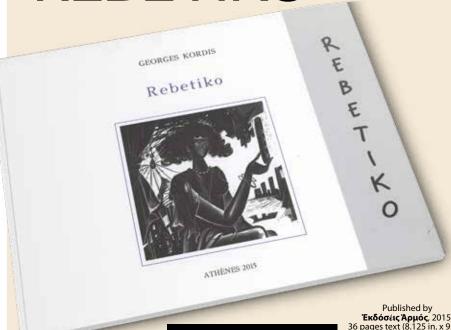
In the byzantine tradition of painting one finds representations of this Divine drama, yet we see that

artists were not concerned to record extreme states of the soul and at no time made the emotions of the subjects a central focus. The Gospel accounts were faithfully adhered to -to the extent that in the consciousness of the Church the icon and the Gospel are equal in power and authority- and the main scenes from the Passion were portrayed. These depictions are usually found in cycles of frescoes in churches and more rarely in portable icons. As a rule they follow the fundamental principles of byzantine painting and do not depart from the requirement that the figures be set out clearly before the viewer to whom they must refer.

—George Kordis, 2006







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REBETIKO

Popular songs. World going round an Inexplicable centre. One which is unable to take form and shape. Cities are a secret stage where souls are imprisoned and tortured. The dark and rotten sea holds ships hostage. She brings them in and then takes them out to the deep and unkno wn abyss. Hope is nonexistent in the dark skies. Movements are few and calculated. Bodies unfulfilled and broken by grief dance with unbearable and tragic anger. I was born to suffer and to be tortured...

Digital Engravings. Grief adorned in black and white.

The world – a neighborhood – a theatrical set with the vastness of an ecumenical tragedy.

Faces like masks have been cut into the

darkness by a calloused hand. The only thing that appears is what this sore and tender hand managed to scratch on the jail wall with a nail. Nails which are part of a cell door closed for eternity.

part of a cell door closed for eternity.

What never-ending pathos is mine...

These 15 works were made using a digital device in a manner comparable to engravings. The intent was not to imitate wood engravings or etchings but to have this unique art form take its place in the history of engraving techniques. Each work is an original. I refer to them as Digital Engravings so that their character, origin and appearance maybe understood. Digital engravings what counts is the description of the secret movements of souls and not the technique.

—George Kordis, 2015

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Color as Light in Byzantine Painting

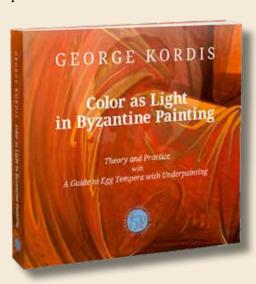
This book records the many years of experience of George Kordis' use of egg tempera, which after many tests and research he combines with a specific type of sub-painting. It shows that this technique, which is a personal technological proposal, can be combined with the traditional Byzantine style, established for centuries in the Hellenic lands as the appropriate way for the rendering of Orthodox images.

It is clear, on confronting Kordis' paintings, that color is fundamental to his art. He loves color, and his technique of mixing a spectrum of hues from just three or four pigments produces effects akin to the tender, tertiary tones that characterize the most sophisticated phases of Byzantine art. But color is not just effect; it is foundational. It fills the picture surface with a spatially indeterminate but visually responsive ground as alive as the gold-ground icons of the past. Against this, the representational forms, too, are all color—

as Kordis says, "Byzantine forms *are* color; they don't just have color."

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by **Sotos Chondropoulos**

SAINT NEKTARIOS The Saint of our Century

St. Nektarlos of Aegina was bom in Silyvria in Thrace on October 1, 1846, and gave up his soul to the Lord on November 8, 1920, in Athens. His baptismal name was Anastasios; the name Nektarios was given to him when he was ordained a deacon in 1886.

After completion of his studies, he went to Alexandria in Egypt where he was ordained archpriest of the Metropolis of Pentapolis. His philanthropic deeds, the love for his flock, and his saintly manners, which began to manifest themselves, gave rise to jealousy and slander, resulting in his expulsion from Alexandria; an unjust act causing him great suffering.

Arriving in Athens he was treated with distrust, amid new tribulations, sorrows and afflictions that burdened him. Nothing, however, could

extinguish the fire that his heart burned with for the love of Jesus Christ and for his fellow man.

During the last years of his life he established the Convent of the Holy Trinity in Aegina, where he was later entombed after his repose.

His exemplary life left an unfading mark on the the last century that persists: that of humility, perseverance, wise silence and hope. In other words, the mark of saintliness.

Even before his sainthood was proclaimed he was widely revered throughout the Orthodox world, including the African continent. Hundreds of churches and chapels have been built in his honour.

In the words of Metropolitan Nikolaos, "during his life time as a monk and Bishop he distinguished himself

as a pastoral figure (thirty-five epistles), a loving and caring teacher (Dean of Rizarios Theological Seminary in Athens), a prolific theologian (writing more than sixty books in various fields), a spiritual hymnographer (over 500 hymns) a thoughtful organizer of monasticism, a saintly hierarch (bishop of Pentapolis, Alexandria, and eventually was the bishop of Aegina), and above all a holy and humble man. He set a unique example of unselfish humility, godly poverty, prudent love, unfailing endurances and exemplary self-denial and forbearance.

However, what made him best known in Greece and all over the world is that he proved to be a clear vessel of the grace of God who granted him the gift of working miracles even before his death. There are numerous books describing his countless miracles. He is among the most popular saints and his monastery in Aegina is one of the most renowned shrines in Greece."

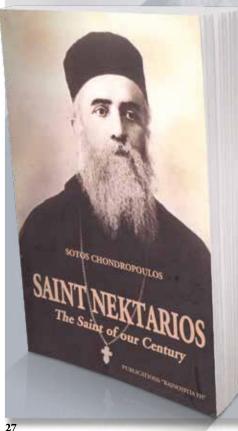


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WOUNDED BY LOVE

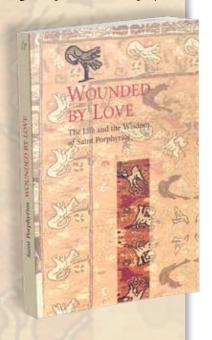
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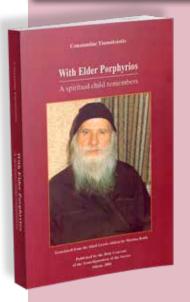
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With Elder Porphyrios

A spiritual child remembers

"When a Christian finds Christ, when he knows Christ, when Christ dwells within his own little soul and he feels Him, he wants to shout it out and tell it everywhere; he wants to talk about Christ, to say what Christ is, he wants to say - love Christ and put nothing before His Love. Christ is Everything, He is the source of life, the ultimate desire, He is everything. Everything beautiful is in Christ."

-Elder Porphyrios

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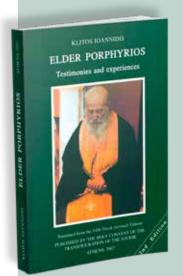
The realm of the sacred and the transcendent, as expressed by that child of God and true man, Elder Porphyrios, belongs to the category of the unbelievable. It can however become believable because, «sin does not prevail where grace abounds". Elder Porphyrios was a person filled with grace, a bearer of the power of the Holy Spirit, a child of the Kingdom, a genuine and true tree of paradise.



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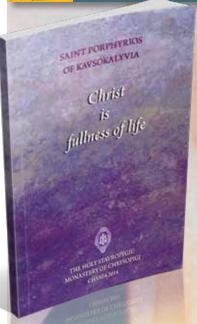
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Saint Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia



Christ is the Fullness of Life

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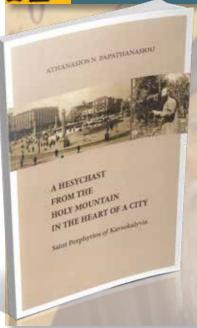
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A Hesychast from the Holy Mountain in the Heart of a City

Saint Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia

Elder Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia (1906-1991), was formally glorified as a saint in November 2013, has long been acknowledged and recognized as a luminary and spiritual guide with the special grace of "clear sight". His life was particularly re markable in that he lived it in both ascetic fastnesses and urban contexts. This short study of his life and teaching is "an exercise in encounter with the present". The author takes into consideration present realities and conditions, both in the Church and society, and in the light of theology understood as a living discipline endeavours to determine certain especial qualities of the saint, drawing particularly on the saint's own words as recorded in "Wounded by Love: The Life and Wisdom of Elder Porphyrios". His insights and interpretations have an immediacy and freshness of singular relevance to our perception of what constitutes a holy personage in the modern world and point to how we can reorient our thinking accordingly.

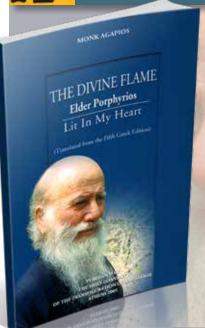
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The Divine Flame: Elder Porphyrios Lit in My Heart

"I left with a spiritual joy, that I had never experienced before. I was flying. My heart leapt and I constantly repeated what I heard from the Elder: "Lord Jesus Christ...".

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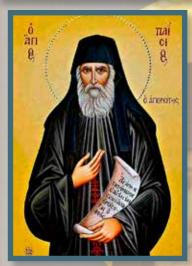
Now, without realizing it, my heart had been fired up by a divine flame and with love and gratitude I proclaimed within myself toward God whatever my eyes had seen and heart had heard near this Elder monk."

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Elder Paisios was known by for his gentle manner and acceptance of those who came to receive his advice, counsel, and blessing. His words of counsel continue to be published. THE VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING ELDER PAISIOS OF MOUNT ATHOS, OR, SAINT PAISIOS THE NEW, OF THE HOLY MOUNTAIN, officially glorified January 13, 2015, by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople. The Church commemorates Saint Paisios on July 12.

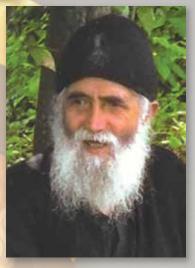
"[A]lthough not officially canonized, [Elder Paisios] is without any doubt whatsoever a modern-day Saint of the Orthodox Church, a living image of Christ, someone who showed and continues to show so many of us that, in this day and age, it is still possible to live a life in Christ."

-Konstantinos Koutroubas



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Αγιος Παίσιος ο Αγιορείτης [Saint Paisius the Athonite]



"Christ Has An Abundance of Spiritual Oxygen" Saint Paisios

"It is good to have the intellectual powers that take man to the moon costing billions of dollars in fuel expenses and so on, but it is better to have the spiritual powers that raise man to God, his ultimate destination, with only a bit of fuel, a mere dried piece of bread."

—Elder Paisios

"Elder Paisios struggled intensely against his own passions and the demons. He especially struggled to acquire the virtues of obedience, humility, repentance and love. Because of these virtues he achieved such great sanctity that the Holy Spirit came to dwell in him, and he was granted the greatest gift of all: discernment. It was with this gift that he was able to help and guide a great number of people."

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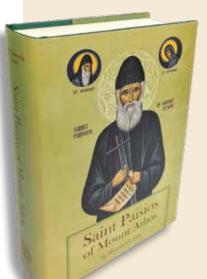
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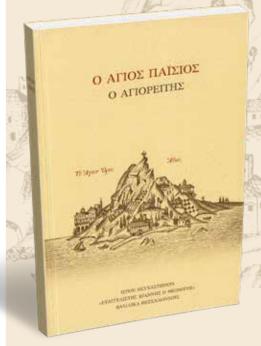
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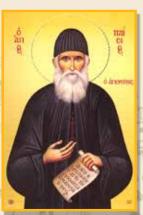
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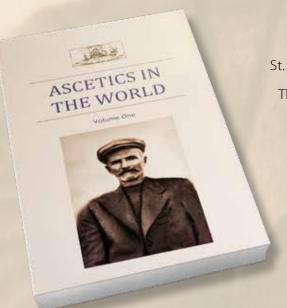
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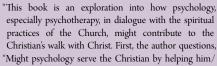
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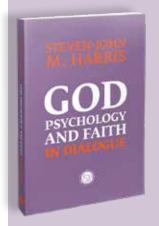
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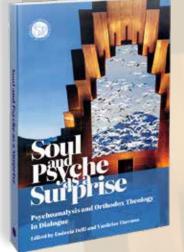
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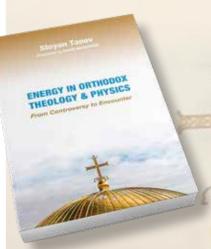


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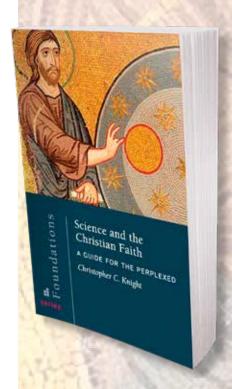
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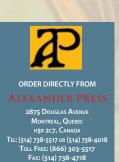
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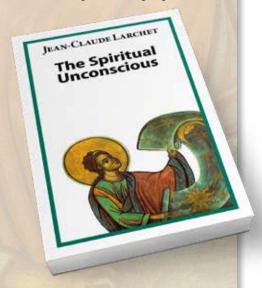
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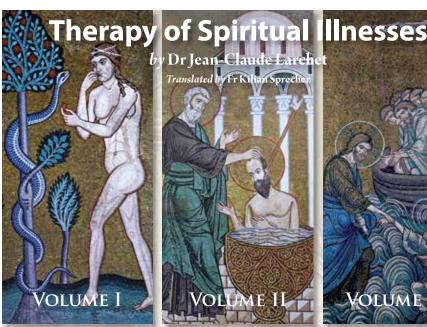
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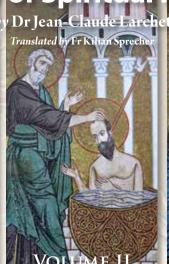
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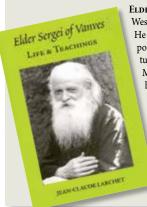
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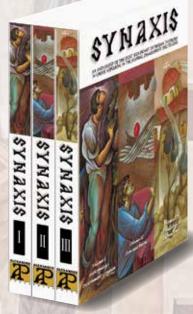
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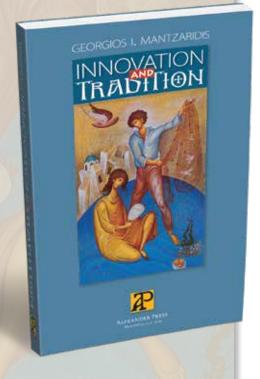
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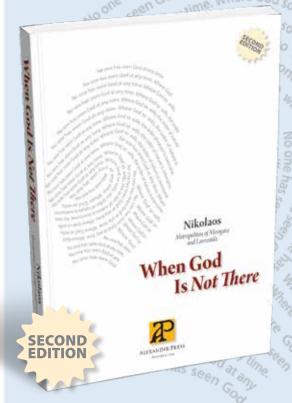
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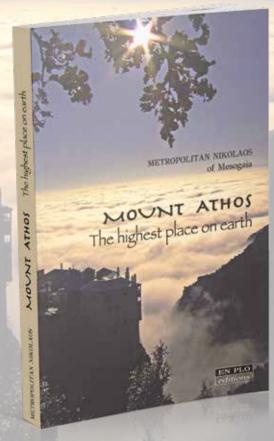
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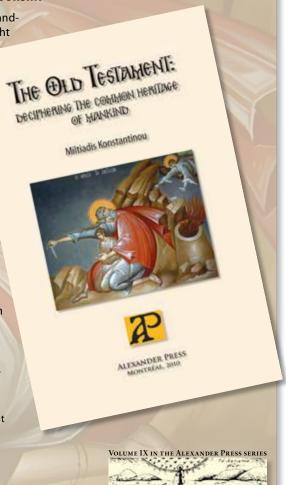
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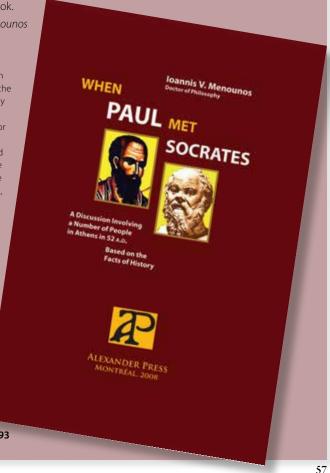
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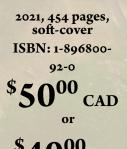
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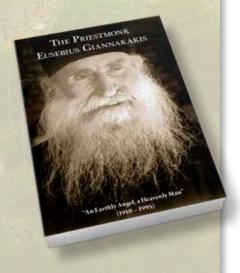
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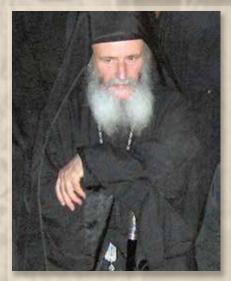


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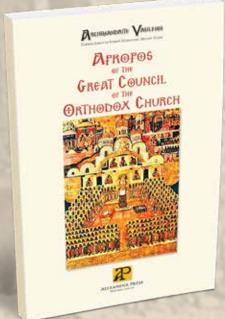
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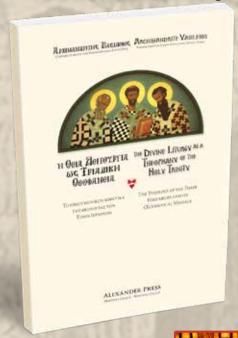


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She was given to know when she would fall asleep; she was told exactly when it would happen, even though she was quite healthy. She told her children

and grandchildren. She said good-bye to everyone. She put on her shroud. She prayed. She lay down on her death bed and ten minutes later, she departed in peace...

What we struggle to achieve, Yiayia Maria had achieved, and more. She entered into the Holy of Holies of ultimate freedom, where the joy of the children of the Kingdom of heaven reigns. She sees us, she loves us, she understands us. And with her holy smile, she wishes us a 'good struggle' and patience.

She shines an all-pure light on all the

world, because she has received the repose of the Spirit, without having any idea that it is anything special.

Blessed be these holy souls of the truth of faith, which soothe the pain of a world lashed by the icy winds of illusion, and solve our problems for us without ever mentioning them!

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But when you are living in the Church, at the hour of Vespers – "now that we have come to the setting of the sun" – before we get to the Dismissal, you hear the entire congregation, through the mouth of the presiding priest, clearly proclaiming the song of Symeon who received God:

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which is before the face of all peoples; a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel.

The troparion, the Hymn of Dismissal is sung. The Dismissal is given. You remain resting in peace, for the truth of the love that "has been poured into our hearts" (Rom 5;5).

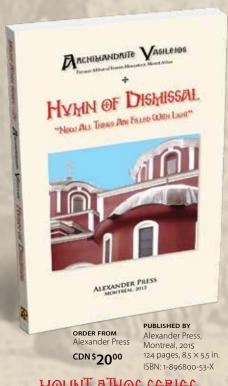
And the joy does not end. The Hymn of Dismissal at the end of Vespers is the beginning of Matins for the next day.

We are already living an uninterrupted continuity in the day of the Church which knows no evening, the new creation and way of life in which all things are filled with light. The God-man is Lord of things in heaven and on earth. He is the Alpha and Omega of the life and salvation of all.

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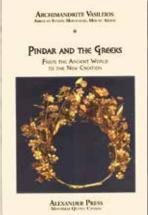


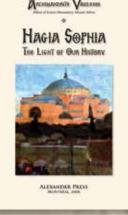


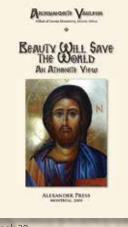
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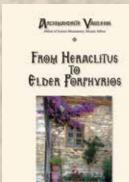


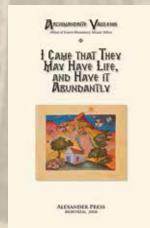


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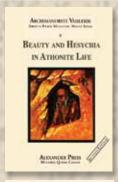
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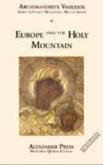
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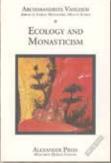
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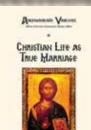
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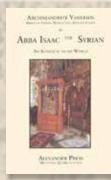
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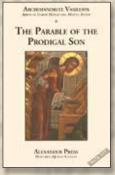


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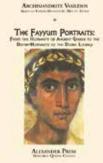
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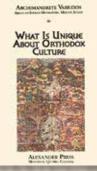
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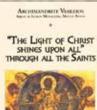
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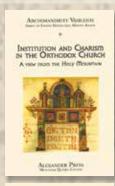


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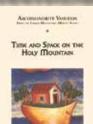
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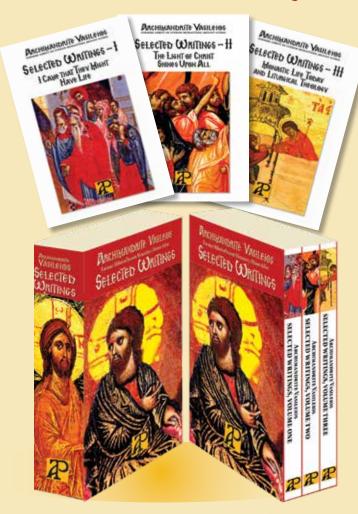


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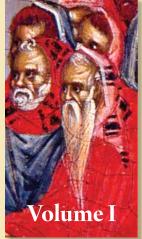
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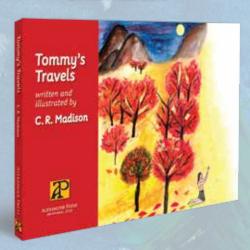
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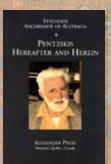
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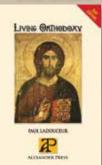
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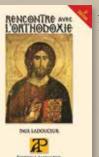
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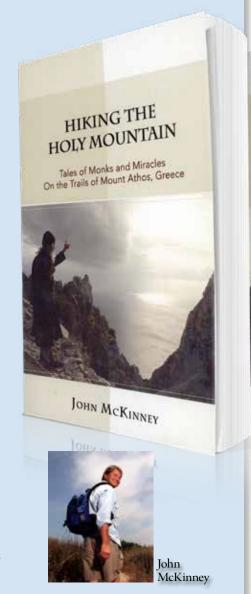
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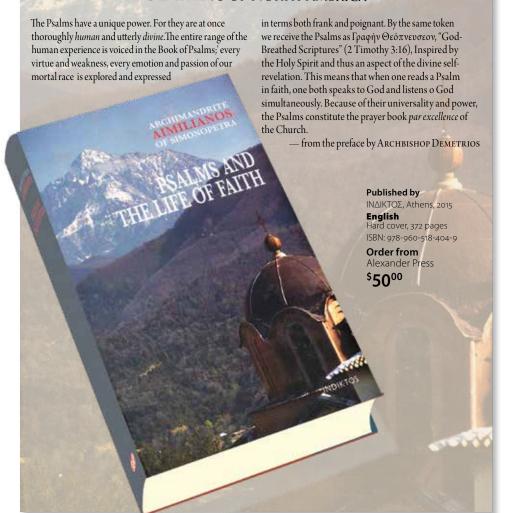




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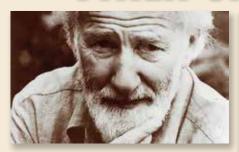
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A profound, committed and imaginative thinker, his theological and metaphysical writings covered issues from the division of Christendom into the Greek East and Latin West, to the sacredness of man and nature and the restoration of a sacred cosmology which he saw as the only way to escape from the spiritual and ecological dereliction of the modern world. This he saw as evidence of a larger spiritual crisis and sought always to "emphasize the living relevance of the Orthodox spiritual tradition in a fragmented secular world".

Baptised into the Orthodox Church in 1956, his writings became an inspiration for those schooled in the "Latin West" who sought the deeper roots of their faith.

Eulogising Sherrard, Father John Chryssavgis spoke of how he revered Mount Athos, "... how the entire world was seen ... as a burning bush of divine energy. 'Every Thing that Lives Is Holy' [— the title of Sherrard's last lecture in 1994 — in which he spoke of] the beauty 'in every natural form of life and being,' the beauty that 'is itself the overture to paradise.' The conviction displayed in his writings ... were supported by the consistency of his own committed life. His compassion, gentleness, generosity, humor, and humility were firmly rooted in the spiritual tradition of silence and prayer that he so loved and to which he devoted the greater part of his life."



THE GREEK EAST AND THE LATIN WEST

A STUDY IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

by Philip Sherrard

The division of Christendom into the Greek East and the Latin West has its origins far back in history but its consequences still affect western civilization. Sherrard seeks to indicate both the fundamental character and some of the consequences of this division. He points especially to the underlying metaphysical bases of Greek Christian thought, and contrasts them with those of the Latin West; he argues persuasively that the philosophical and even theological differences, remote as they might seem from practical affairs, are symptoms of a deep divergence of outlook that has profoundly affected the whole course of European history. He exemplifies this by comparing the relationships between the spiritual and temporal powers during the Byzantine period with those assumed by the medieval Papacy, by an analysis of the 'Platonic reaction' of such figures as Gemistos Plethon, and by a study of the intellectual background of the Renaissance. the Reformation and, finally, of the modern western world. His concluding chapters discuss the impact of modern western ideas on Greek life and letters during the last few centuries.

With an unusual knowledge of aspects of the thought of the Patristic Fathers often neglected in the West, and a deep sympathy with their outlook, Sherrard presents a point of view that may be unfamiliar, but should be of great concern today.

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Vincent Rossi

THIS DIALECTIC OF BLOOD AND LIGHT

George Seferis – Philip Sherrard an Exchange: 1947–1971

Philip Sherrard first came across George Seferis's poetry when as a young man still in the army he was transferred to Greece in 1946. It made such a powerful impression on him t hat when he returned to England he started corresponding with Seferis, began translating his poetry into English, and ultimately decided to do his PhD on modern Greek poetry. Much later Sherrard was to translate, together with Edmund Keeley, Seferis's Collected Poems for Princeton University Press. The Seferis -Sherrard correspondence is not vast, but nevertheless revealing of both men's orientation, most particularly Sherrard's as he became increasingly interested in the Christian Orthodox East, and who simultaneously with his involvement in Greek literature and especially modern Greek poetry went on to write a number of important theological studies. Included with the correspondence are the texts that the two men sent to each other and three studies of Seferis's poetry written by Sherrard, the one published here for the first time. The book is introduced by the Emeritus Professor of Modern Greek at Oxford, Peter Mackridge, and the theologian Vincent Rossi, as well as by Sherrard himself in a text published here for the first time.



George Seferis, 1952



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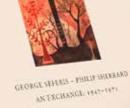
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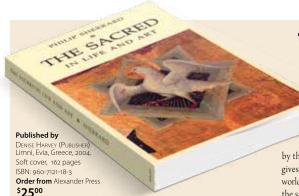
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For how we perceive things, or reveal them to ourselves, depends ultimately on the vision we have of our own inner being, and if that vision does not embrace the spiritual qualities — of beauty, of love — that fill our being when we attune ourselves to God, we cannot perceive these qualities in the forms of the things about us; we cannot perceive their intrinsic sacredness. The link between transcendence and immanence is broken. The intimate interpenetration, the secret coincidence of uncreated and created, divine archetype and visible image, is frustrated, and the marriage between them remains in a state of suspension.

—Philp Sherrard, *The Sacred in Life and Art*

THE SACRED IN LIFE AND ART

by Philip Sherrard

We are becoming increasingly aware that the forms of our life and art – of our modern civilization generally – have over the last few centuries been characterized

by the progressive loss of precisely that sense which gives virtually all other civilizations and cultures of the world their undying lustre and significance: the sense of the sacred. In fact, the concept of a completely profane world—of a cosmos wholly desacralized—is a fairly recent invention of the western mind, and only now are we beginning to realize the appalling consequences of trying to order and mould our social, personal and creative life in obedience to its dictates. It is not even too much to say that we are also beginning to realize that unless we can re-instate the sense of the sacred at the heart of all our activities there can be no hope of avoiding the cosmic catastrophe for which we are heading. Sherrard affirms the ever-present, timeless qualities of beauty, love and miracle

through which we can be renewed and transformed,

whatever the conditions of the world in which we live.

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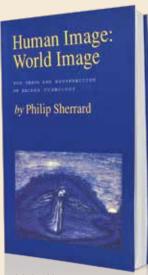
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Human Image, World Image

The Death and Resurrection of Sacred Cosmology

by Philip Sherrard

It is now only too evident that the revolutionary changes in mental outlook that took place in western Christendom some three or four centuries ago, and that produced the modern scientific movement, are the major cause of the crisis in which the world finds itself today. Yet the terrifying consequences of the practical exploitation of modern science are usually attributed not to modern science as such – and still less to the mental picture of the universe which it presuppposes – but simply to its misapplication and abuse. We are even told, with a naivety that is as inconsequential as it is typical, that modern science must be good because what is true cannot be evil and since modern science works, or produces results, it must be true.

This book attacks such misconceptions head-on, by setting the modern scientific picture of the universe and man's place in it against the background of pre-Christian and Christian cosmology and anthropology. Sherrard shows unambiguously how our acceptance of this image has literally enslaved us to a vast collective lie whose ramification in the major spheres of our thought and action cannot but vandalize and desecrate both ourselves and the world we live in. The last and perhaps most challenging chapter formulates a cosmological vision in the personalized terms of the sacred mythology of the Christian tradition.

How Do I See The Universe and Man's Place In It

by Philip Sherrard

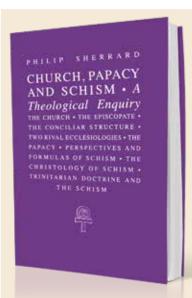
The universe is a hierarchy of levels descending from the formless spiritual level down to the most dense material form. Each level is a "condensation" of the one above it, and correspondingly each is contained in the one above it. The highest level is linked with the lowest through a series of intermediary levels, so much so that the most spiritual level is present in each fragment of the universe. In more formal language, God is the living center of all things and invisibly present in all; or more correctly, all things are rooted in God.

This hierarchy is not static. God is not static and so nothing that comes from God is static either. All phenomenal reality is a pulsating field of spiritual energies – energies inaccessible to the observation of the human reason and, a fortiori, to that of any instrument devised by the human reason. Moreover, everything in the universe is continually being recreated by the immediate activity of these spiritual energies. The process of creation is continually and everywhere being enacted "in the beginning." It is a continual and ever-present opening of the centers of the birth of life in which each creature, each speck of dust even, comes into existence at the center not only of its own time and space but of all time and space.

This hierarchic order and its dynamic quality are

mirrored in man. Thus the highest point of man's being – the divine image in him – contains in itself, in seed or germinal form, all his subsequent aspects, from the subtle level of his psychic and thought world down to the physical level of his body and its organs. In this way, man is the microcosm.

He is also more than microcosm. He occupies a central position in the whole because he is the communication channel between highest and lowest, between God and materiality, for he is the one being capable of participating consciously in both. It is on this conscious participation that the harmony of the universe depends. Hence man's key role: he has to ensure that he can function as this communication channel and does not close himself up in the lower (rational and physical) levels of this being and so become impervious to the harmonizing spiritual influx. He can ensure this only through incessant prayer and inner cleansing, leading to ever deepening awareness of this spiritual nature and so to a growing understanding of God. Man's chief task, now and always, and one upon which the spiritual, psychic and physical health of all things depends, is to achieve this awareness and understanding. In short, it is one of trying to love God with all his heart.



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CHURCH, PAPACY AND SCHISM

A THEOLOGICAL ENQUIRY

THE CHURCH THE EPISCOPATE THE CONCILIAR STRUCTURE TWO RIVAL ECCLESIOLOGIES THE PAPACY PERSPECTIVES AND FORMULAS OF SCHISM THE CHRISTOLOGY OF SCHISM TRINITARIAN DOCTRINE AND THE SCHISM

by Philip Sherrard

THE UNION OF THE CHURCHES is one of the crucial issues of our time. Yet it is often forgotten that any discussion about it must begin with an understanding of what the Church itself is. Before one can talk of healing the schism, one must know what lies at its root. This book focuses on such central questions. It is a unique and unprecedented contribution to the understanding of the different developments of the two major sections of the Christian Church, the Catholic and the Orthodox.

Opening with a succinct, penetrating exposition of the essential reality and meaning of the Church and of the episcopate's function within it. Philip Sherrard goes on to trace the emergence in the East and West of differing ecclesiologies. each in its turn determining a different form of Church government. In particular, he shows how the theory and practice of the papacy are the product of a conception of the Church which became, and still is, dominant in the West. Yet this conception, and the corresponding conception in the Orthodox world, are themselves both rooted in deeper theological differences, Christological and trinitarian. The book concludes with a brilliantly illuminating analysis of these differences which, because they lie behind the disunion of the Churches, must consequently constitute the main focus of any fruitful ecumenical dialogue.

This third edition of Church, Papacy, and Schism has a new preface by Vincent Rossi which assesses Sherrard's contribution to the question of the schism and its healing in the light of present ecumenical dialogue.

CHRISTIANITY AND EROS

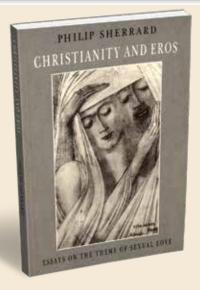
ESSAYS ON THE THEME OF SEXUAL LOVE

by Philip Sherrard

In spite of the fact that marriage is recognized as a sacrament by the Church, the attitude of Christian thought towards the sexual relationship and its spiritualizing potentialities has been in practice singularly limited and negative. From the start Christian authors have been ill at ease with the whole subject. Sexual activity tended to be seen as a sign of man's sinful and degenerate state and the modem Christian is taught to distinguish between love in the New Testament sense – agape – and eros, and to see eros as a debased form of agape, if not actually opposed to it. All in all, the Church has done scant justice to its insight that sexual love is, at least potentially, a sacrament.

In this concise yet challenging work Philip Sherrard does not provide a systematic theology of sexual love but indicates some of the considerations and principles that must be taken into account before such a theology can be adequately formulated. His four essays are entitled 'The Sexual Relationship in Christian Thought', 'The Body, Beauty, and Sexuality', 'Towards a Theology of Sexual Love', and 'An Approach to the Sacrament of Marriage'.

A theology that encompasses the spiritual potential of sexual love is even more urgently needed now than it was when this book was first published some 30 years ago, for distorted views are still continuing to produce their casualties.



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It is needful to understand the miracle of the Mysteries: what it is, why it was given, and what is its profit. —St John Chrysostom

The Divine Liturgy

A Commentary in the Light of the Fathers

by Hieromonk Gregorios

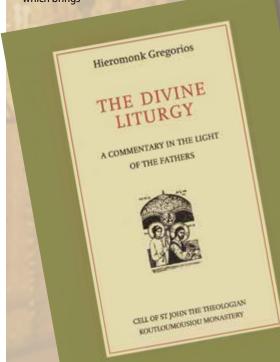
When Christ first spoke about the Mystery of the Divine Eucharist, He called Himself the "Bread of life", which came down from heaven to be offered for the life and salvation of the world. Christ, the "Bread of life" comes down at the moment of the Eucharistic annunciation into the virgin Church, and the holy Church becomes the "good earth and blessed" which brings

forth the Bread of life. It is this reality of Christ's descent and His presence within the Church that we experience in the Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy is Christ in our midst.

The holy Evangelists and the God-bearing Fathers spoke to us of Christ as they experienced

Him when He was with them and as they experienced Him as a living reality in the Divine Liturgy: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eves, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the World of life (1 John 1:1). It is from the writings and eucharistic experiences of these saints, who have seen the true Light, who have heard the Word and "touched the immaculate head of the Master", and who are eternally contemporary, that the present commentary is compiled.

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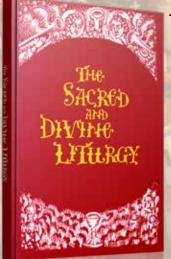


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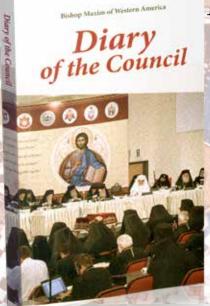
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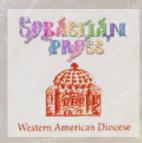
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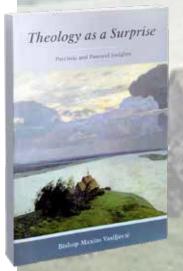
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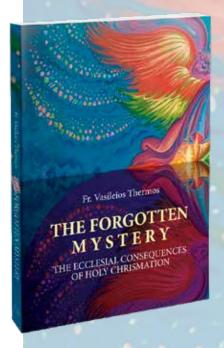
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THE FORGOTTEN MYSTERY

THE ECCLESIAL CONSEQUENCES
OF HOLY CHRISMATION



It is not enough to proclaim our Orthodox faith: we are invited to live it as fully as it gets in all aspects of our life. The almost complete forgetfulness of Chrismation led us priests to celebrate it in literally few seconds and our lay fellows to ignore its inner power. But, as Saint Nicholas Cabasilas had written in the 14th century, "without the appropriate thoughts/considerations on the sacraments it is impossible to have their sanctification implemented and preserved in us." Christian Orthodox life is not a magic, it rather calls us for cooperation (synergia).

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ARCHIMANDRITE **SOPHRONY** (SAKHAROV)

"Every religion, all the old and new parareligious forms, the lives of the mystics – all have their ascetic culture, which varies in accordance with the underlying dogmatic consciousness. The dependence of the ascetic act on the form of dogmatic consciousness and, vice versa, the dependence of doctrine on spiritual experience, is a theme of great interest..."

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ARCHIMANDRITE SOPHRONY (Sakharov), 1896

– 1993, also Elder Sophrony, was best known as the disciple and biographer of St Silouan the Athonite and compiler of St Silouan's works, and as the founder of the Patriarchal Stavropegic Monastery of St. John the Baptist in Tolleshunt Knights, Maldon, Essex, England.



Archimandrite Sophrony

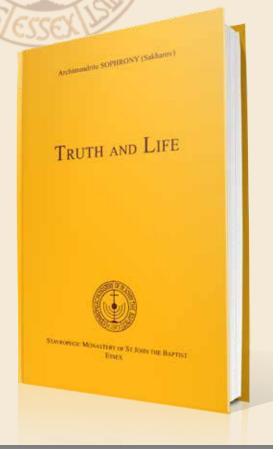
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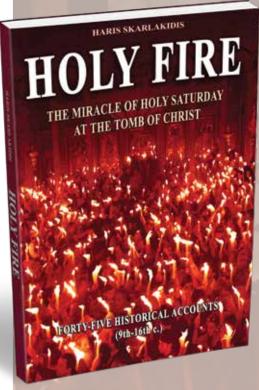
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-His Grace, Bishop Michael (Dahulich)

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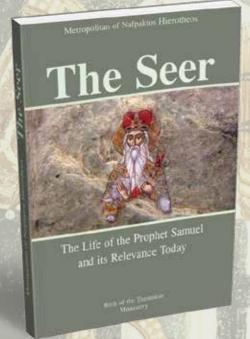
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Hierotheos Vlachos

Metropolitan of Nafpaktos and Agios Vlassios



METROPOLITAN HIEROTHEOS IS regarded as one of the foremost authorities on the Orthodox spiritual life. Already in his youth he was particularly interested in the Fathers of the Church, working for a time in the monastery libraries of Mount Athos. The influence of Fr. John Romanidis, the study of the patristic texts and particularly those of the hesychast Fathers of the Philokalia, many years of studying St. Gregory Palamas, association with the monks of the Holy Mountain, and many years of pastoral experience, all brought him to the realisation that Orthodox theology is a science of the healing of man and that the Fathers can help the modern restless man who is disturbed by many internal and existential problems. He has written extensively conveying the Orthodox spirit of the Philokalia to the restless and disturbed of our time.

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The Feasts of the Lord

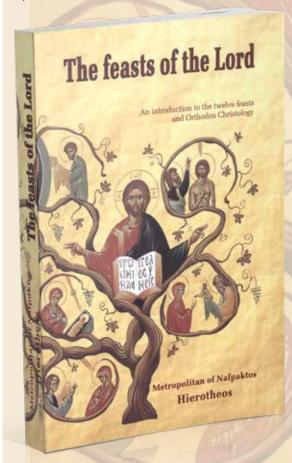
An Introduction to the Twelve Feasts and Christology

Metropolitan Hierotheos presents

the basic theological events commemorated in the Feasts of the Lord Jesus Christ and looks at the key points in each. Everything experienced and done by the Lord reminds us of His conde-

scension and self-emptying in procuring our salvation. Although these events are commemorated and experienced at every Divine Liturgy, the Church determined that they should also be celebrated separately, thus sanctifying

the year and giving us the possibility of enjoying and experiencing the stages of the divine Economy in our personal lives. Based on extracts from Holy Scripture and the writings of the holy Fathers on each of the Feasts, this book considers each in turn. It is indispensable for all Church-goers who want to read about the Feast they are celebrating, and also for Clergy who want to research material for sermons.



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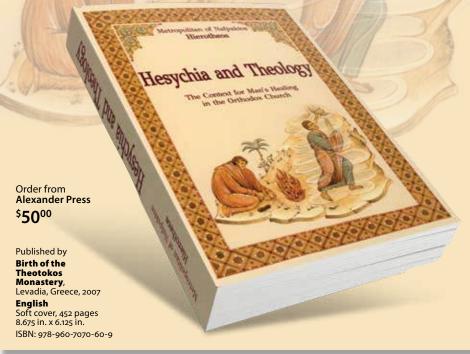
The Context for Man's Healing in the Orthodox Church

Hesychia means inner stillness, the peace of the heart. In the Orthodox Church, hesychia is a complete science for healing the

thoughts, the heart and the senses.

Theology means speaking about God based on knowledge and experience of Him. Hesychia is the way in which we acquire this spiritual knowledge of God.

We live in an age of constant activity, gratification of the senses, uncontrolled imagination and speculations that wear people out. They are searching for inner stillness - hesychia - from the world of the senses and imagination, but also for theology - knowledge of God - to give their lives meaning.





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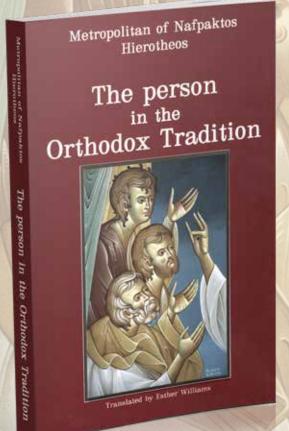
The Person in the Orthodox Tradition

As I begin to take up the topic "the human person according to the holy Fathers", I am reflecting on the gravity and the responsibilities of it. We are dealing with a delicate problem but one that is essential for our time. It is delicate

because it has many aspects and extensions to things which have to be faced with responsibility and dis- cretion. Yet it is necessary for our time, because Jhere are numerous religious, philosophical, political and social systems which have a

distorted teaching about man, because they regard him as a simple biological monad and nothing more.... not seeing him as a person.

In spite of sensing the crucial and delicate nature of the topic, I shall undertake to formulate some thoughts, because it is essential for our time. Both our spiritual integration and the development of a true spirit of humanity depend on how we stand on this subject. All the religious. political and social principles can be sustained on this proper foundation.



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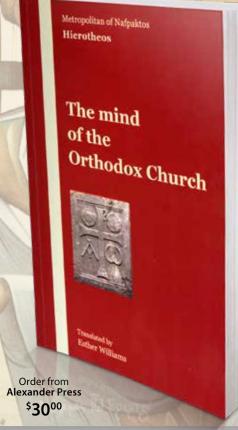
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The Mind of the Orthodox Church

The chapters ... examine what the Church is and what the real dimensions of the mind of the Church are. At the beginning of the book the chapters ... emphasise that the Church is not a human organisation but a Divine-Human Organism. It is the Body of Christ and a "communion of deification". The source of the Church is God Himself. The characteristics of the Church (One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic) are analysed, as well as the aim of the Church, which is man's deification and salvation. An explanation is given of who the real members of the Church are. [I]t is made clear that Orthodoxy is the true faith and the real Church, because only within the Church is the salvation of man made sure. The unity between the Church, Orthodoxy and the divine Eucharist is underlined, since the holy Fathers stress that Orthodoxy is the true faith of the Church and the divine Eucharist is the true action of the Church. [It] looks in detail at the teaching of St Maximos the Confessor on the Church and the Divine Eucharist in a work of his called

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Orthodox Psychotherapy The science of the Fathers

Orthodoxy is a therapeutic sci-

ence. It heals sick human beings. This sickness becomes evident in the nous. The Church with its teaching, worship, ascesis and Sacraments Frees the nous and makes man a temple of the Holy Spirit. This therapeutic treatment has been applied and confirmed by all the

saints. It is the only path which leads to God, I think that the loss of the Tradition is to be seen chiefly in the loss of the therapeutic method and of spiritual physicians.

The way back to the Orthodox Tradition is essentially the way back to these two foundations. It is not

advice or medicines that heal the sick soul, that give life to the dead nous, that purify the impure heart, but the ascetic method of the Church, self-control, love, prayer, and guarding of the nous from Satan's provocations through evil thoughts. Therefore the Orthodox tradition is very important for our time, for it is .the only thing that can free man and heal him from the anxiety and insecurity brought on by the death of his soul.

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Orthodox Psychotherapy
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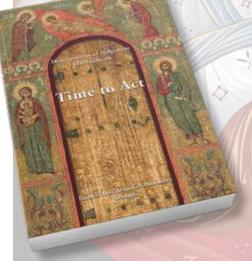
Time to Act

This book throws light on the dialogue between the Orthodox theological tradition and the various religious and philosophical systems originating from both East and West. It is offered to our fellow Christians, Orthodox and non-Orthodox, so that they can follow the encounter between Orthodox theology and other philosophical and religious points of view, as well as deepening their knowledge of the Church's traditional teaching on the inner life of spiritual vigilance. Published thirty years ago in Greek to count-

er the various trends coming into Greece from outside, this book, newly translated into English, is now moving in the opposite direction, travelling from Greece to the East and the West to speak to all those who long to overcome death and find eternal life. Readers will share in the dialogue between Orthodox theology and other traditions, and will deepen their awareness of the Church's teaching on spiritual vigilance. It is now 'time to act' by expressing and experiencing the Orthodox tradition. This is the most potent safeguard for Christians in the times ahead. The title Time to Act signifies the urgent need for all of us to experience the Orthodox tradition for ourselves, and not just to talk and read about it. This is the most potent safeguard for Christians in the times ahead.

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The Feasts of the Mother of God

History and Theology of the Most Holy Theotokos

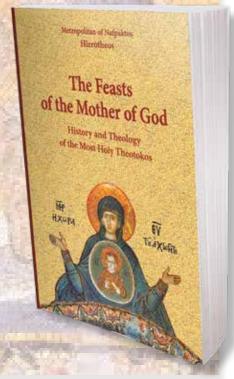
From her Conception until her glorious Dormition, the latest English book by Metropolitan Hierotheos presents the theology and history of the feasts of the Mother of God. Drawing on the Old and New Testaments, the Church's tradition, liturgy and

iconography, and the writings of the saints, it is a unique theological biography of the Most Holy Mother of God, focusing on her role in the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation.

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Despite various scientific advances and progress man is still the centre of interest. He constitutes the crown of creation, its unifying principle. One anthropological question is the teaching on the human body. It is an issue that not only keenly engaged ancient Greek thought, but also that of the Apostles and the Fathers of the Church.

This book is a brief and concise presentation of Orthodox C hurch's teaching on the human body and on the ascesis and exercise associated with the human body.

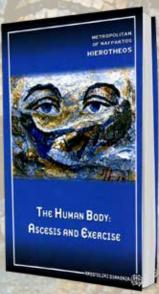
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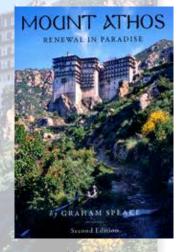
MOUNT ATHOS

Renewal in Paradise

Mount Athos, a spectacularly beautiful rocky peninsula jutting out from the coast of northeastern Greece, has been a monastic preserve since the ninth century. Known as the Holy Mountain, it serves as the centre of monasticism for all the Eastern Orthodox churches and remains fundamentally unchanged despite the storms of political and religious conflict that have raged over the centuries. This is an illustrated history of Mount Athos. It encompasses the entire story of Athos from the first anchorite monks who lived in caves and simple huts to the establishment of the first monasteries in the tenth century to the monastic renewal that is taking place there today. Illustrated with historical and contemporary images, the text considers the influence of outside political events on the men (for only men are allowed) of the Holy Mountain and, more importantly, the impact of spiritual movements and religious controversy. What emerges is an account of the centuries-old Athonite way of life as well as a portrait of thriving monastic communities at the beginning of the 21st century.

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Lessons from a Greek island

From the "Saint of Greek Letter," Alexandros Papadiamandis

by Anestis Keselopoulos

ALEXANDROS PAPADIAMANDIS

was the most important literary figure of nineteenth-century Greece and arguably of modern Greek literature. Through his lively, tender, and profound short stories of the simple lives of the Orthodox faithful of his native island of Skiathos, Papadiamandis reveals a world of organically lived Orthodoxy, a world largely lost in the disintegrating order following Greece's War of Independence with a growing adoption of western values. As with Dostoevsky, Papadiamantis enjoyed close friendships with holy men of his age, noteably St. Nicholas Planas. Also like Dostoevsky, he does not portray a romantic, ideal world but rather a profoundly human world of struggle that always has the possibility of transfiguration through life in Christ and His Church.



Overlooked and largely rejected by academics for many decades, Papadiamandis's work is finally coming into its own. New translations of most of his works are being published. Professor Keselopoulos, in *Greece's Dostoevsky*, reveals with great warmth and sympathy, the spiritual depths and Orthodox richness of Papadiamandis through his depiction of the traditional life of his native Skiathos, a living liturgy. He also shows how Papadiamandis's creative work, as he is an authentic bearer of the Church's tradition, becomes tradition. As with Dostoevsky, Papadiamandis's faith transforms his work, providing it with an authentically Orthodox spiritual dimension absent in most modern art. Professor Keselopoulos's book is an entrancing marriage of profound theology and the

Keselopoulos's book is an entrancing marriage of profound theology and beautiful world Papadiamandis describes.

Anestis Keselopoulos is Professor of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology at the Theological School of Aristotle University of Thessalonica. His theological works in English include Man and the Environment: A Study of Saint Symeon the New Theologian and Passions and Virtues According to Saint Gregory Palamas.

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The Boundless Garden

Selected Short Stories Volumes I & II

by Alexandros Papadiamandis

Edited by Lambros Kamperidis & Denise Harvey

ALEXANDROS PAPADIAMANDIS lived

in the midst of an uncertain age of transition for modern Greece. It was a period of post-Enlightenment turmoil that followed closely on the heels of Greece's War of Independence, when the traditional old ways were being undermined and were fast disappearing under the pressure of the indiscriminate adoption of western mores and ideas. His reflections on and observations of some of the most complex facets of Greek life in both his native island of Skiathos and in urban Athens during this time define the modern Greek experience in a manner unattained by any of his now forgotten contemporaries. His loving attachment to the old

traditional ways have marked him out for some as conservative, even reactionary, but it was an attachment tempered with an innate and deep understanding of how the past breathes life into the present, an understanding which is as relevant in our times as it was in his.

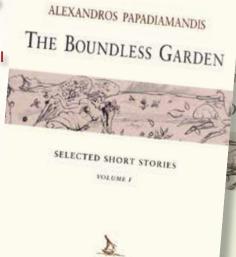
The stories presented in this selection encompass the main and universal themes that best exemplify his work. In them he records and recreates that modern Greek experience as it was lived in its many perspectives — displacement, emigration, home-coming, estrangement, exile, attempts to reclaim lost innocence, visions of Paradise, the daily struggle for survival — and explores the souls of men and women as they succumbed to or struggled against the power of evil and dealt with life's ambiguities. Within these themes Papadiamandis also embraced the mythic past as it survived through people's belief in supernatural wonders and which animated the countryside with haunted ruins, nymphs and fairies and the sea with mermaids and Tritons. His was an authentic expression of a reality that he saw as a seamless whole in which man, whether or not he was conscious of it, spirits and the natural world all participate in a living liturgical now, ever moving towards their eternal source.

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The Murderess

A Social Tale

by Alexandros Papadiamandis

Translated by Liadain Sherrard Edited by Lambros Kamperidis & Denise Harvey

FROM ITS FIRST APPEARANCE IN 1903 The Murderess has

been regarded as Alexandros
Papadiamandis's finest work. Set
on his native island of Skiathos
it tells the story of Hadoula, a
widow with grown-up children,
who has convinced herself that it
is better little girls should leave
this life when young so that they
and their parents should not
suffer the trials that inevitably
would be inflicted on them
by an inequitable society. In
the throes of this misguided
compassion she first murders her own

granddaughter and afterwards finds herself set on a course she is unable to stop despite the promptings of her conscience and her awareness of the consequences.

Papadiamandis charts this course and the events in her life that preceded it, and against a background of the island's verdant and untrodden places and the living presence of the Church he explores the particular quality evil has of disguising itself as good, but without ever passing judgement on the murderess herself.

Long considered one of Greece's most important writers, Papadiamandis's reflections on and observations of modern Greek life define the Greek experience in a way unmatched by any of his contemporaries.

This new translation of *The Murderess* has been undertaken and published to mark the centenary of Papadiamandis's death.

ALEXANDROS PAPADIAMANDIS

THE MURDERESS



A SOCIAL TALE

TRANSLATED BY LIADAIN SHERRARD



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Around the Lagoon

Remeniswnxwa to a friend.

by Alexandros Papadiamandis

A bilingual edition translated and introduced by byPeter Mackridge

Alexandros Papadiamandis (1851-1911) was born on the island of Skiathos, the fourth child of a priest. Initially he wrote novels which appeared in serial form in newspapers, then later mainly short stories which became his most favoured medium. Long considered one of Greece's most important writers, his reflections on and observations of modern Greek life define the Greek experience in a way unmatched by any of his contemporaries.

'Around the Lagoon' is one of
Papadiamandis's most finely crafted and
densely written stories. Unusually, it is
written in the second person and addressed
to a 'friend', who can be seen as the
narrator's younger self. The narrator
evokes his childhood experiences of unrequited love and
betrayed friendship amid an idyllic natural setting.

The lagoon around which the story is set is situated immediately to the east of Skiathos town and is separated from the bay by a strip of land, some of which is still occupied by the boatyard that Papadiamandis describes. The runway of Alexandros Papadiamandis Airport now covers the whole of the western part of the lagoon but, despite this, much of what remains seems to have changed little since Papadiamandis's day, and it is still a rich wildlife habitat. As is usual in his stories, 'Around the Lagoon' combines a plot involving individual characters with descriptions of work, customs and manners

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AROUND THE LAGOON



REMINISCENSES TO A FRIEND

A BILINGUAL EDITION
TRANSLATED AND INTRODUCED BY
PETER MACKRIDGE



practised by the whole community.

Work plays a major role in this particular story, especially in the detailed and vivid descriptions of boat-building, the preparations leading up to the launch of a boat into the bay, and the launch itself with its associated traditional ceremony and the celebration which follows.

This translation of 'Around the Lagoon' is a revised version of the translation which first appeared in The Boundless Garden, Volume I of the Selected Short Stories of Alexandros Papadiamandis (2007).

Peter Mackridge is Emeritus Professor of Modern Greek at the University of Oxford. He has published several books on modern Greek language and literature, including two co-authored grammars. His translations of stories by the 19th-century author Georgios Vizyenos and a collection of haikus by the 21st-century poet Haris Vlavianos are due to be published in 2014.



Alexandros Papadiamandis

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Love in the snow

by Alexandros Papadiamandis

English translation with Greek text, by Zissimos Lorenzatos

The snow which covers the hero in «Love in the Snow», set on the island of Skiathos, birthplace of the Greek writer Alexandres Papadiamdntis (1851-1911), runs parallel, one could say, with the snow falling «all over Ireland» in Joyce's «The Dead», or indeed the snow which in distant Russia whitens Chekhov's coachman of the short story «Heartache», who, inconsolable over the recent loss of his son, was unable, among so many people that day, to unburden his grief to anyone but his own horse while unharnessing it the same evening in the stable after the day's work. ALEXANDROS PAPADIAMANTIS

LOVE IN THE SNOW

ENGLISH TRANSLATION WITH GREEK TEXT

DOMOS

All three short stories —tragedies of man's loneliness— constitute, each in its own way, three characteristic landmarks in world literature.

I tried to help Janet Coggin with the Greek text so that no eventual gap or doubt remained with her: either about the various shades of the language of the text or its deeper structural analogies, that she might be able, possessing the necessary details, to transfer freely into her own language the letter and the spirit of this small masterpiece.

We thank our friend Philip Sherrard for his help in some important points of this work.

Kifissia, September 1993 ZIssimos Lorenzatos

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by Juliet du Boulet

COSMOS, LIFE, AND LITURGY GREEK ORTHODOX VILLAGE

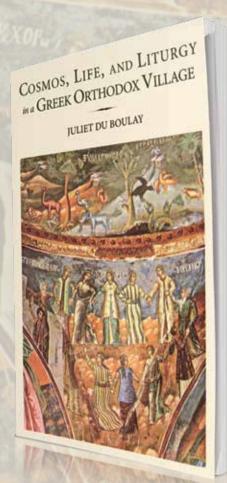
IN 1974 JULIET DU BOULAY published her first work, *Portrait of a Greek Mountain Village*, now considered a classic text for the anthropology of Modern Greece. This sequel, the fruit of a lifetimes reflection, adds new dimensions to this portrait, exploring the all-encompassing religious awareness of the same village community, and its rootedness in

both Orthodox Christian and pre- or non- Christian ideas and practices. The story is told through a steady development of rich ethnographic detail in which the people come to life in all their vitality, contradictoriness, humour, realism and courage. From the particularities of life in the village a picture is built up in which the Byzantine legacy intertwines

with fragments of antiquity, both Greek and Jewish, and with the universal themes, both tragic and hopeful, which confront man as he struggles to make sense of life. In this way a compelling pattern of symbols and images is revealed which underpin every action and event in the human and natural spheres, and is described here lucidly, convincingly and with great affection.

"In this remarkable volume, a sequel to her acclaimed study of a Greek mountain village, Juliet du Boulay shows the place of Orthodoxy in villagers' thinking. She explores the way their faith is woven into the details of their lives, especially in the imagery of the round dance, a symbol in both village and Orthodox tradition of blest communal living. The result is fascinating."

Fr Andrew Louth, Professor of Patristic and Byzantine Studies, University of Durham



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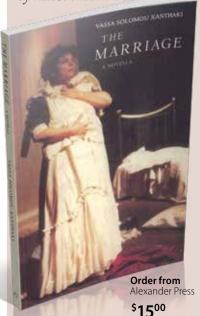
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The Marriage A Novella

by Vassa Solomou Xanthaki



Vassa Solomou Xanthaki's novella The Marriage is considered to be a small classic of Greek literature, a work distinguished by the immediacy and freshness of its language while retaining a deep sensibility to traditional life in rural Greece. First published in 1975, in 1994 it was staged as a play with enormous success.

The author writes: "The subject of this book is simple: the wedding customs and songs of the village of Ambelakia in Thessaly as lived and experienced in one particular marriage, that of Lenaki and Nikolas. But after the weeklong wedding ceremonies are over the magical bridal veil of those days is slowly drawn back and, in unadorned contrast to those customs and celebrations, the realities of life begin to impose themselves. This fading away of enchantment together with the role played by the nuptial mystery in the subsequent course of the couple's lives was my ultimate theme. Within the restraints imposed by the bonds of marriage I wanted to search again for the mystical veins of tradition, especially in the figure of the woman of the countryside, that 'deep-set rock', the pillar of the race.

... I wanted to return to the sources, to the essential world of Hellenism, not in order to write yet another editying description of the customs and manners of a people – a so-called return to the roots – but so as to engender a sense of awe at the power of those roots. I also wanted to describe the simple and primeval wisdom which is born of need and which with compelling exactness legislates the daily

demands of that need. Lenaki herself was horrified by the weight of what had been inflicted on her by the past, and also by her 'licit' crime. But because of her innate nobility she was able to win through."

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THE DRAMA OF QUALITY

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by Zissimos Lorenzatos

Translated by Liadain Sherrard

ZISSIMOS LORENZATOS (1915-2004) is generally acknowledged to have been one of the most important men of letters in Greece of the twentieth century. An essayist, poet and thinker, he was perhaps the last of his generation with a vision that was both deeply religious and humane. His profound knowledge of European literature and thought, and his familiarity with the writings and philosophy of the East, along with his thorough assimilation of the long Greek tradition, enabled him to explore, with unusual insight, the spirit both of Europe and of modern Greece.

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This selection of his essays in English includes his studies on the Greek writers

Papadiamandis, Sikelianos and Capetanakis, and on the architect Dimitris Pikionis, and it concludes with a lengthy discussion of the American poet Ezra Pound, who called himself the 'apostle of Europe', and who visited Greece and met Lorenzatos in 1965.

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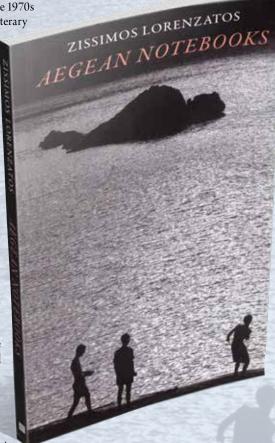
record of his observations and reflections while sailing among the Greek islands in the 1970s and 1980s, the special quality of his literary

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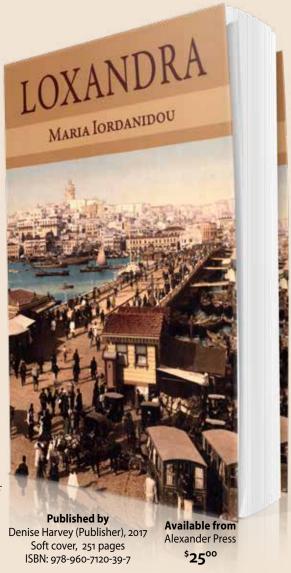
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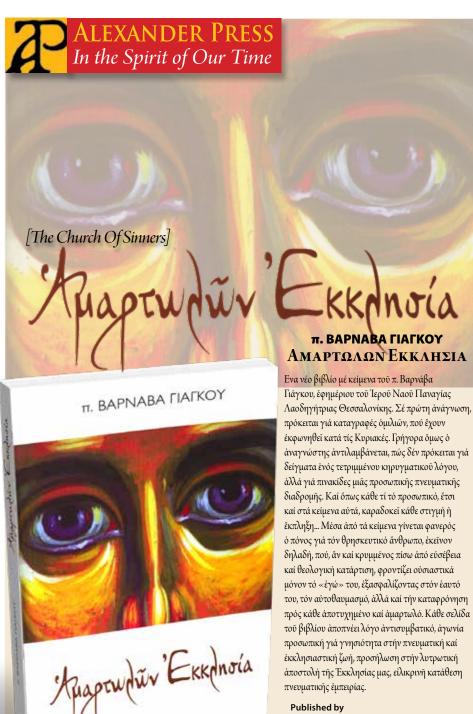
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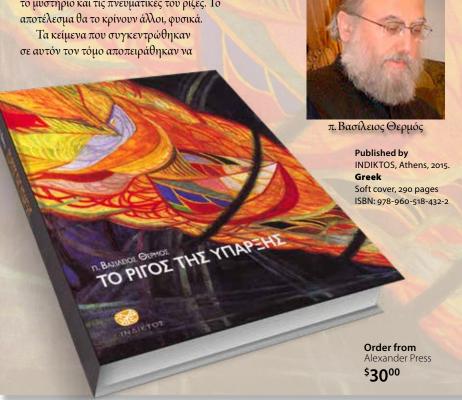
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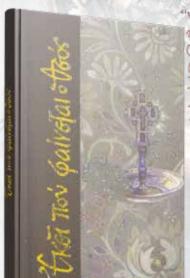
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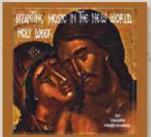
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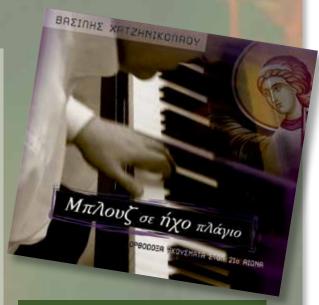
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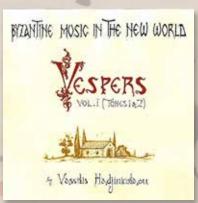
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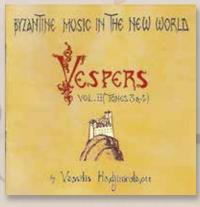
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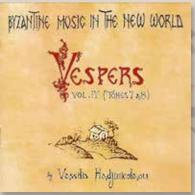
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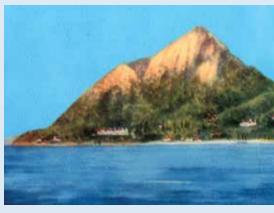
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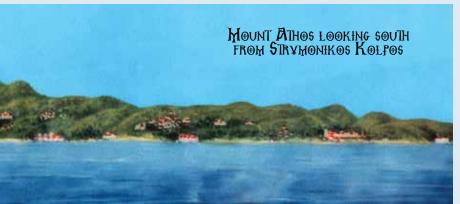
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