

LITURGICAL STUDY WEEK 2023: CALL FOR PAPERS

To researchers, teachers, pastors, PhD students,
interested in liturgical matters

Dear friends, dear colleagues,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 69th Week of Liturgical Studies, whose theme will be:

Eucharistic Prayers: Multiple Reflections of the One Mystery

The conference will take place from Tuesday, July 4 to Friday, July 7, 2023, in the premises of St. Sergius Institute. From now, you are warmly invited to submit to us an abstract of your intended paper. We would be very grateful if you could pass on the present call to anyone in your relatives, who holds a university degree and is likely to be interested in this project.

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Objective of the meeting

If as a result of various controversies, the understanding and renderings of the Eucharist's meaning have been circumscribed to the diptych "sacrifice-real presence", such a thematic concentration jeopardizes the visibility of some great doctrinal resources, particularly soteriological ones, expressed in the texts of ancient and contemporary Eucharistic anaphoras.

In order to rediscover these treasures, the organizers of this 69th Week of Liturgical Studies plan to study a certain number of Eucharistic formulas, in an attempt to highlight their various aspects.

Here are the main research axes that have been identified by the organizers, around which the symposium will be structured :

a). What Jesus Christ did and said during the Last Supper: scriptural accounts and their reception in patristic testimonies and in euchology;

b). The plurality of theological harmonics conveyed by major liturgical traditions and their interpretations within the various worshipping families, in particular the following topics:

- thanksgiving,
- sacrifice, oblation,
- offering,
- request for approval of offerings,
- fulfillment of the precept of précehrist (Lk 22,19b; I Cor 11,24b and 25b),
- anamnesis/memorial,
- announcement of the death of the Lord (I Cor 11,26b),
- propitiation/intercession,
- staying before God, service (priesthood),
- transformation (metabolè)/transubstantiation,
- manifestation (anadeixis) of the species as Body and Blood of Christ,
- communion,
- assembly, ecclesiological and anthropological aspects,
- pneumatology,
- effects of participation (gift or communion of the Holy Spirit, remission of sins, reconciliation with God, constitution of one body, eternal life, etc.),
- doxology, final Amen and its ancient proof (2nd c.).

c). Within the compositions of anaphoras in the 2nd millennium (Reformation period, contemporary period), which ones of these aspects are privileged?

d). Eucharistic prayer as a possible mystagogy for today.

These questions shall be addressed mainly from a textual basis. However, liturgical gestures accompanying the prayers, which are also important, can also be considered.

Several contacts are underway with potential contributors; some of them have already accepted to offer a presentation. Yet many elements of our deep theme still deserve our attention.

Due to the range of issues connected to the theme, the members of the preparation team will organise, if necessary, not one but two conferences on this same Eucharistic subject (2023 and 2024); if so, the submissions will be balanced between the two years, in accordance with their topic.

- *Method of approach and boundaries*

Prospective presenters should pay careful attention to the five criteria below, which are decisive for the assessment of their proposals:

1. the originality of the issue raised,
2. the way in which it relates to the research axes of the congress,
3. the sources: the quality of their referencing and the accuracy of their analysis; balance between their quotes and their commentary,
4. the quality of the historical approach,
5. the quality of the theological argumentation.

- *Practical arrangements*

Interested speakers are kindly requested to send an abstract of their proposed paper by December 10th, 2022, or at the latest at the beginning of January to: semilit.stserge@yahoo.fr. In order to be considered by the organizers for acceptance, each proposal must include:

- a provisional title,
- a description of the content (5 to 10 lines)
- informations about the author (academic and ecclesial background; main publications), even if some contributions were made at the Saint Sergius Institute in the past
- surname, first name, e-mail, and postal addresses of the speaker.

Presenters will receive a notification of decision within a few days from the deadline.

The schedule includes 25 minutes for presentation by the author, which can be followed by a brief time of questions uniquely if it appears that potential misunderstandings need to be clarified. Then a communal and wider discussion of the papers included in the same panel takes place.

The languages of our Symposia are French and English, with simultaneous translation of presentations and discussions in both directions, although others languages may be used upon prior agreement.

As a consequence of its scarce resources, St Sergius Institute cannot provide any financial assistance to participants. Room and board are exclusively at the participant's expense. Speakers will be offered a complementary meal on the day of their presentation. However, in case of difficulties which need to be discussed with organizers, a contribution towards the costs of transportation, accommodation or registration remains possible for the most needy congregants.

- *Publication*

No oral paper will be automatically published in the subsequent conference proceedings. The members of the Scientific Committee can always assess and evaluate the scientific content of the presentations. Authors shall note they may be requested to amend their submissions before any eventual publication. The Scientific Committee may also decide that a paper presented will not be published if its academic level is considered to be insufficient.

Practical arrangements concerning the transmission of texts, style sheet and other relevant technical indications will be given to speakers on the spot during the conference. Before being sent for publication, each paper will imperatively have to be corrected by a native speaker of the chosen language.

Finally, all speakers are requested to send a provisional text of their oral presentation before 1st June 2023. In this way, they express the commitment implied by their participation and facilitate simultaneous interpretations during the meetings.

We remain available for further information when needed.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

With our cordial greetings,

The members of the team preparing Saint Sergius Liturgical Weeks.