
The Healing Initiative

*Conference on Integrative Healing – Session One**

“Holistic Healing in Byzantium: Epistemologies and Methodologies”

May 7th & 8th, 2004

Sponsored by

The Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Hellenic College & Holy Cross School of Theology, and the Metanexus Institute

(Presenters will be invited to a reception at 7 p.m., on Thursday, at the Center for the Study of World Religions with Harvard faculty.)

Friday, May 7th

The Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University

9:00-9:15 AM Registration and Refreshments

9:15 AM Welcome
 Susan Sered, Ph.D., Director, The Healing Initiative
 Introduction—John Chirban, Ph.D., Th.D., Senior Fellow,
 Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University

9:30 The Byzantine Hospital
 Timothy Miller, Ph.D., Professor of History, Salisbury
 University

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This Conference initiates the First Session of a three-year research program.

- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 The Monastic Health Care System and the Development of the Hospital in Late Antiquity
Andrew Crislip, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Religion, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 11:45 Response:
- 12:15 PM Lunch
- 1:15 Faith Healing in Byzantium
Alice-Mary Talbot, Ph.D., Director of Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks
- 2:30 Epistemologies and Methodologies of Healing in Byzantium
Demetrios J. Constantelos, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of History, Stockton College
- 3:15 Break
- 4:15 Byzantine Representations of Christ's Healing Miracles
Maria Evangelatou, Ph.D., Fellow, Dumbarton Oaks
- 5:00 Response: James Skedros, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Early Christianity and Byzantine History, Holy Cross School of Theology
- 6:00 Dinner for the Presenters – Harvard Faculty Club

Saturday, May 8th

The Maliotis Cultural Center, Hellenic College & Holy Cross School of Theology

- 8:30-9:00 AM Continental Breakfast – Refectory
- 9:00 Welcome
Rev. Nicholas Triantafilou, President, Hellenic College & Holy Cross School of Theology
Introduction
Sights and Sounds of Healing in Byzantium
John T. Chirban, Ph.D., Th.D.
- 9:45 The Search for Orthodox Spirituality and Healing

- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Synopsis of Presentations on Byzantine Healing
Panel of Scholars
Timothy Miller, Ph.D.
Andrew Crislip, Ph.D.
Alice-Mary Talbot, Ph.D.
Rev. Demetrios Constantelos, Ph.D.
Maria Evangelatou, Ph.D.
- 12:00-1:00 PM Lunch (Refectory)
- 1:00 Providing Healing in the Orthodox Christian Tradition Today
- Medicine
Perry Carlos, D.O., Cardiologist
Response
Peter Bistolarides, M.D., Surgeon
- Psychology
Jeffrey Rediger, M.D., M.Div. Medical Director, McLean
Hospital SE
Response
Rev. Markos Nickolas, Pastoral Psychologist
- Religion
Rev. Nicholas Graff, Director, St. Photios Shrine
Response
Rev. Nicholas Triantafilou
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Initial Findings from the Study of Contemporary Orthodox Christian
Healers in Medicine, Psychology, and Religion & Future Directions
of the Healing Initiative
John T. Chirban, Ph.D., Th.D.
- 3:45-4:30 Summary Reflections
Panel and Speakers