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Markides, Bishop Athanasios Featured at Spring Conference on Integrative Healing;**Call For Papers Seeks Interdisciplinary Efforts In Medicine, Psychology, Religion**

BROOKLINE, MASS. – His Grace Bishop Athanasios of Cyprus will join Kyriacos Markides, author of the bestseller *The Mountain of Silence* and recent *Gifts of the Desert*, as keynote speakers for a spring, 2006 conference on *Integrative Healing*. The event also seeks papers from scholars and practitioners in the fields of medicine, psychology, and religion demonstrating interdisciplinary work that shows holistic healing.

This year's conference, entitled *Holistic Healing in Byzantium: Modern Adaptations*, will take place from March 31st to April 1st, 2006, and is the concluding session of a three-year series on Integrative Healing hosted by the Institute of Medicine Psychology, and Religion. Paper proposals of 300-500 words are invited by December 20th, 2005.

This year's conference will show the contemporary practice and adaptation of holistic healing as outgrowths of the Byzantine tradition. His Grace Bishop Athanasios is the elder and spiritual guide whom inspired Markides' writings. Markides is professor of sociology at the University of Maine. Keynote addresses by Bishop Athanasios and Markides will be followed by presentations of papers. As in years past, academics, researchers, theologians, and clinical professionals will have the opportunity to discuss and examine a broad range of topics related to the integration of faith and science in healing.

Please visit www.inmpr.org for the submission application form. Proposals may be submitted by email to info@inmpr.org, or by mail to:

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Outstanding papers will be considered for publication in the second volume of *Healing in Byzantium*.

The previous sessions of the *Integrative Healing* series examined historical influences and theological insights of Byzantine healing practices in the Orthodox Christian Church as well as contemporary cross-cultural models of healing. The session focused upon the epistemologies and methodologies of Byzantine healing practice. Selected papers from these events will be published in an edited volume entitled *Healing in Byzantium* by Holy Cross Press (see www.inmpr.org/publications).

The Healing Initiative of the Institute for Medicine, Psychology, and Religion is a research and publication group whose work has been affiliated with the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University, the Lilly Foundation, and the Local Societies Initiative of the Metanexus Institute. Its purview is to encourage the integration of faith and healing by supporting interdisciplinary dialogue, research, and practice through publications and conferences in the field of holistic healing.