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# The Healing Initiative

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*Integrative Healing – Session Two: Theological Insights*\*

## **Holistic Healing in Byzantium: Epistemologies and Methodologies**

**April 8th – 9th, 2005**

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**Friday, April 8th**

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

9:15 AM

*Welcome*

Rev. Nicholas Triantafilou, President  
Hellenic College & Holy Cross School of Theology

*Introduction: What is Healing?*

John T. Chirban, Ph.D., Th.D. Director,  
The Institute of Medicine, Psychology, and Religion

9:45

*Greek and Byzantine Healing*

Rev. Demetrios Constantelos Ph.D.  
Distinguished Professor of History and Religious Studies  
Stockton State College

10:30

*Break*

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\* This Initiative constitutes a three-year research program: the previous session addressed historical orientations and next year's program will address modern applications.

- 11:00                    *Respondent*  
                              Rev. George D. Dragas, Ph.D.  
                              Professor of Patristics and Dogmatic Theology  
                              Holy Cross School of Theology
- 11:30                    *Discussion*
- 12:30 PM                *Lunch*
- 1:30                     *Theological Issues of Epistemology in Byzantine Healing*  
                              His Eminence Maximos Aghiorgoussis, Th.D.  
                              Metropolitan of Pittsburgh
- 2:30                     *Respondent*  
                              Timothy Patitsas, Th.D.  
                              In-resident Scholar  
                              Holy Cross School of Theology
- 3:00                     *Break*
- 3:15-4:00               *Roundtable Discussions*
- I.            “Theology and Healing: A Layman’s Perspective”  
                  Emmanuel Karavousanos, Bellerose, New York
  - II.           “Prayer and Healing the Whole Person”  
                  Panagiotis Papaeconomou, Brookline, Massachusetts
  - III.        “Personal Transformation through Prayer”  
                  George Roussos, Brookline, Massachusetts

**Saturday, April 9th**

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

9:00 AM                *Reception*

9:30                    *Welcome*  
                              Lily Macrakis, Ph.D., Dean  
                              Hellenic College

*The Spiritual Message of Healing Miracles*  
                              Rossitza Roussanova, Department of Classical Studies

University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

- 10:15            *The Experience of Orthodox Spirituality and Healing*  
Emily Markides, Ph.D., Founder  
International Eco-Peace Village
- 11:30            *Brunch – Refectory*
- 12:30            *Panel Reflections*  
Maximos Aghiorgoussis, John T. Chirban, Demetrios J.  
Constantelos, George D. Dragas, Emily. Markides, Rossitza  
Roussanova
- 1:30             *Summary Reflections - Findings from the National Study of  
Orthodox Christian Healers in Medicine, Psychology, and Religion  
and Future Directions of the Healing Initiative*  
John T. Chirban
- 2:00             *Conclusion*