

International Centre for Christian Studies at the Orthodox Church of Georgia

The Second International Conference – “Turning Back to Spirituality”

Tbilisi

December 14-15, 2012

Is dedicated to the 35 years since the enthroning and 80<sup>th</sup> birth-day of His Holiness  
and Beatitude the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia Ilia II

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The aim of International Centre for Christian Studies at the Orthodox Church of Georgia is to restore harmonic cooperation between religion and science.

Since 2002 the main directions of the Centre's activities are: 1. Scientific symposia, conferences and seminars; 2. Scientific expeditions; 3. The course of elucidative lectures; 4. Scientific research of Georgian Language; 5. Publication and popularization of scientific results of the Centre.

Dear colleague, the Organizing Committee of the Second International Conference welcomes you warmly and wishes you success in your scientific activity.

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## Work Schedule

December 14

Courtyard by Marriott Hotel

Conference Hall

### Ceremonial Opening of the Second International Conference

11:00 – Participants’ registration

12:00 – Plenary Session

14:00 – Presentation of the Photo-album “The Time to Favor”.

Work of the sections and closing of the Second International Conference.

Tbilisi Marriott Hotel

Work of the sections – 16:00 – First part

18:00 – Second part

December 15

Work of the sections:

9.30 – First part

11.30 – Second part

13:00

St. Priest Martyr Grigol Peradze. "Works". Presentation of the One-volume Book.

15:00

The Round Table – "Turning Back to Spirituality"

17:00

Closing of the Second International Conference

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12:00 – Opening of the International Conference

Agenda:

Greetings:

1. Chair of the Board of the International Centre for Christian Studies at the Orthodox Church of Georgia – Academician David Muskhelishvili
2. Chair of the Parliament of Georgia – David Usupashvili
3. President of the Georgian National Academy of Sciences – Academician Tamaz Gamkrelidze
4. Archpriest Henryk Paprocki (Poland)

Report:

Daniel (Datuashvili), Metropolitan of Chiatura and Sachkhere - Modernity and Eternal Values.

14:00 – Presentation of the Photo-album “The Time to Favor”.

(Travel Expedition to Historical Georgia –  
Following the Path of Saint Andrew the First-Called)  
Conference Hall of Courtyard by Marriott Hotel

Work of the sections – 16:00 – First part

18:00 – Second part

Section I: Belief and Science

Chair of the section: Metropolitan of Samtavisi and Gori – Andria (Gvazava)

Co-chairmen: Archpriest Henryk Paprocki (Poland)

Parmen Margvelashvili

Time-limit: Report – 15 minutes

Discussion – 5 minutes

16:00

1. Metropolitan of Tsageri and Lentekhi – Stephane (Kalaijishvili) – A Human-being – Image of God
2. Archpriest Zurab Tkhovrebadze, Alex Gerasimov – The Issue of Inter-relation of Belief and Knowledge in the Epistles of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia.
3. Maia Rapava – Nikita Stitat's Unknown Epistle with Greek Manuscripts in “Dogmatikon” of Arsen Iqaltoeli.
4. Alessandro Maria Bruni (Italy) – Ancient Medicine in Medieval Georgia.

Break

18:00

5. Metropolitan of Samtavisi and Gori – Andria (Gvazava) – The Catholicos-Patriarch Ilia II as a Successor of Ascetic Fathers' Spiritual Enlightenment.
6. Roin Metreveli – Teaching of Deep Thinking – Basis of Ethical Upbringing.
7. Paata Koghuashvili – The Catholicos-Patriarch Ilia II about Living in Village and Development of Agriculture.

## Section II: Belief and Culture

Chair of the section: Archpriest Joseph Zeteishvili (Lithuania)

Co-chairmen: Jeremy Chaushesku (France)

Griver Parulava

Time-limit: Report – 15 minutes

Discussion – 5 minutes

16:00

1. Archpriest Nikolas Cernokrak (France) – A Human-being and His Relationship with God according to Biblical and Patristic Tradition.
2. Mariam Didebulidze – Merit of Georgian Art in Saving Christian Culture during the Soviet Period.
3. Asmat Okropiridze – For Expression of Gergeti Sameba.

Break

18:00

4. Archpriest Joseph Zeteishvili (Lithuania) - Mentors of Georgian Patriotism. Iovane Sabanisdze
5. Tamila Mgaloblishvili - Great Supporter of Georgian Treasury.
6. Eldar Bubulashvili – Merit of Georgian Orthodox Church in Saving and Preserving Georgian Christian Inheritance Abroad (70-ies of the 20th Century – First Decade of the 21st Century).

Section III: “God, Homeland and Human-being”

Chair of the section: Metropolitan of Akhalkalaki and Kumurdo – Nikoloz (Pachuashvili)

Co-chairmen: David Lankshear (Great Britain)

Buba Kudava

Time-limit: Report – 15 minutes

Discussion – 5 minutes

16:00

1. Sergo Vardosanidze – Globalization and Problem of Patriotism.
2. Mzia Surguladze – Georgian Historic Tradition about the 6th Council of the World.
3. Alexander Daushvili – Problems of the Newest History of Georgia.
4. Otar Janelidze – Church Factor in Georgian National Movement.

Break

18:00

5. Metropolitan of Akhalkalaki and Kumurdo – Nikoloz (Pachuashvili) – Apostolic Service of the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia Ilia II.
6. Pastor Robert Scudieri (The U.S.) – An Apostle of Hope in a Time of Dread.
7. Armaz Akhvlediani – Political Culture in Modern Georgia.



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Co-chairmen: Alex Gerasimov

Alessandro Maria Bruni (Italy)

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9:30

1. Archpriest Henryk Paprocki (Poland) – The Relation between Religion and Science. Orthodox Perspective.
2. Maia Darchia – Main Principles of Perception of the World and Society in Upbringing Process.
3. Irakli Imedadze – Psychological Science in Georgia and the Present Day.

Break

11:30

4. Archpriest Bidzina Gunia – For Peace of the Both Dwellings.
5. Eka Dughashvili – Athos' Iviron Monastery and Georgia (Past, Present, Future).
6. Parmen Margvelashvili – For Inter-relation of Belief and Knowledge.

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1. Jeremy Chaushesku (France) – Challenges of St. Serge Institute in the Western World.
2. Nana Burchuladze – Georgian Church Art at the End of the 20th and in the Beginning of the 21st Centuries.
3. Giorgi Kipiani - Orthodox Church and Defence of Ethical Norms in Georgian Broadcasting.

Break

11:30

4. Griver Parulava – For National and Intimate Sacral Nature in Creative Work of Ilia Chavchavadze.
5. Magda Sukhiashvili – Liturgical Reading – Tradition and the Present Day.
6. Giorgi Alibegashvili – Language of Revelation (Ioane-Zosime's "Praise and Exaltation of the Georgian Language").

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Moderators: Pastor Robert Scudieiri (The U.S.)

Sergo Vardosanizde

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9:30

1. David Lankshear (Great Britain) – A Christian Church's Engagement with the State School System – a Case Study of the Church in Wales since 1997.
2. Tinatin Ivelashvili – Woman and Family.
3. Otar Gogolishvili – Nationality and Patriotism.
4. Valerian Itonishvili – Relationships of Generations in Georgian Traditional Family.

Break

11:30

5. Archimandrite Adam Akhaladze – Civilization and Ethics: Sacral Dimension.
6. Buba Kudava – Ishkhani Fortress.
7. Giorgi Cheishvili – Eparchies of Georgian Orthodox Church in Armenia.

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