

SYMPOSIUM

on

BYZANTINE ESCHATOLOGY:  
VIEWS ON DEATH AND THE LAST THINGS  
(8th to 15th CENTURIES)

under the direction of

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April 30 - May 2, 1999

Dumbarton Oaks  
Washington, D.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:30 Registration (Coffee on the Terrace)
- 9:00 Welcome: Edward Keenan (Dumbarton Oaks)  
Alice-Mary Talbot (Dumbarton Oaks)
- Introduction: George Dennis (The Catholic University of America)
- 9:15 Session I: Death and Burial
- George Dennis (The Catholic University of America)  
Death in Byzantium
- Joseph Munitiz (Former Master of Campion Hall, Oxford)  
The Predetermination of Death: A Problem for the Byzantines
- Break (15 minutes)
- Ioli Kalavrezou (Harvard University)  
Anticipating Death: Art and Interaction in the Private Sphere
- Patrick Viscuso (Greek Orthodox Archdiocese)  
Death in Late Byzantine Canon Law
- 13:00 Lunch in the Gardens (by subscription only)
- 14:30 Session II: Funerary Space and Ritual
- Elena Velkovska (Pontifical Liturgical Institute Anselmianum,  
Rome)  
Funeral Rites According to Byzantine Liturgical Sources
- Diane Touliatos (University of Missouri - St. Louis)  
The Funeral Music of Byzantium
- Break (15 minutes)
- Slobodan Ćurčić (Princeton University)  
Church, Cell, Tomb: Aspects of Later Byzantine Patronage
- 17:30 Reception in the Orangery

SATURDAY, MAY 1

8:30 Coffee on the Terrace

9:00 Session III: Remembering the Departed

Panagiotis Agapitos (University of Cyprus)  
Public and Private Death in Psellos: Maria Skleraina and  
Styliane Psellaina

Margaret Mullett (The Queen's University of Belfast)  
Literary Forms of Condolence

Break (15 minutes)

11:00 Margaret Alexiou (Harvard University)  
Modes of Lamentation: Ritual, Metaphor, and the Life Cycle

Nicholas Conostas (Harvard Divinity School)  
'To Sleep, Perchance to Dream': The Middle State of Souls in  
Patristic and Byzantine Literature

13:00 Lunch in the Gardens (by subscription only)

14:30 Session IV: Theological and Ascetical Considerations

Gerhard Podskalsky (Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen,  
Frankfurt)  
Death and Resurrection in Byzantine Theology

Brian Daley (University of Notre Dame)  
The Dormition of Mary in Homilies and Legends as a Model for  
Christians

Break (15 minutes)

Alexander Golitzin (Marquette University)  
Earthly Angels and Heavenly Men: Niketas Stethatos and the  
Tradition of 'Interiorized Apocalyptic' in Eastern Christian  
Ascetical and Mystical Literature

**SUNDAY, MAY 2**

**8:30 Coffee on the Terrace**

**9:00 Session V: Life after Death**

**John Wortley (University of Manitoba)**

**Some Byzantine Notions Concerning the After-Life: The  
Evidence of 'Beneficial Tales'**

**Nancy Ševčenko (Rutgers University)**

**The Soul from Death to Judgment in Byzantine Art**

**Alexander Alexakis (Columbia University/Dumbarton Oaks)**

**Was There Life Beyond the Life-Beyond? Byzantine Ideas on the  
Transmigration of Souls and Final Restitution**

**Ioli Kalavrezou (Harvard University)**

**Concluding Remarks**