SYMPOSIUM

on

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

under the direction of

Professors George Dennis
and Ioli Kalavrezou

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 Constas (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 Goltzin (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