

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
(OCREA)**

**3rd Inter-Orthodox Conference on Religious Education
Faculty of Theology, Sofia University, Bulgaria
(19 Sveta Nedelya Sq)**

17 June – 21 June 2014

***Teaching Methods in Religious Education
– Learning by Heart or by Experience?***

PROGRAM

Tuesday 17 June

15.00 Arrivals

15.00-18.00 Registration at the Faculty building (15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd)

19.00 Get to know meeting/dinner in the evening (self-paid). Meeting at the lobby of Best Western Plus Bristol hotel (Bulevard "Hristo Botev" 69)

Wednesday 18 June

08.30 Registration continues at the Faculty Building (19 Sveta Nedelya Sq)

09.00 Welcome Address, Ed.Lic, PTh. Risto Aikonen, Vice President of the OCREA

09.15 Greetings on behalf of the university, Prof. Aleksandr Omarchevski, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Sofia University

09.30 Opening Address, Dr. Anton Vrame, *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, USA*

Teaching Orthodox Christianity today: Challenges to Methodologies

10.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.00 SESSION 1 (4 x á 30 min= 20 min. paper + 10 min. discussion)

Kyriakos Stavrianos, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*

Vasileios Oikonomidis, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*

Teaching about the Virgin Mary and Orthodox Christian Religion in Kindergarten

Ioanna Komninou, *1st Modal Experimental School of Athens, Greece*

Exploratory Learning and Creative Thinking: an Interdisciplinary Approach on the Topic of the Position of the Woman in Orthodox Church to 1st Lyceum class pupils.

Emmanuel Charitos, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*
The Modern Course of Teaching for the Lesson “Man as God’s Collaborator” of the 3rd Grade Religious Education Textbook

Risto Aikonen, *School of Applied Educational Science and Teacher Education
 University of Eastern Finland – Joensuu Campus, Finland*
How Teachers Have Faced Technological Devises and WEB 2.0 Applications in Religious Education on 5th and 9th Grade in Finnish Comprehensive School?

13.00 LUNCH

14.30 SESSION 2 (2 x á 30 min= 20 min. paper + 10 min. discussion)

Vasiliki Mitropoulou, *Faculty of Theology, Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki, Greece*
Integration of Learning Objects in Educational Scenarios for Teaching of Religious Education

Silvana Pavlova, *Sofia University, St Kliment Ohridski - Faculty of Theology*
The Usage of Multimedia in Teaching Religious Education for Deaf Students in Parish Church School

15.30 COFFEE BREAK

16.00 SESSION 3 (4 x á 30 min= 20 min. paper + 10 min. discussion)

Andrian Aleksandrov, *Sofia University, St Kliment Ohridski - Faculty of Theology*
Religious Education in Bulgaria – Past and Present

Polina Spirova, *Independent Scholar, Sofia, Bulgaria*
One Possible Approach to Religious Education in Bulgaria – Concept, Implementation, Results

Magdalena Legkostup, *St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo*
Case Studies in Religious Education as a Method of Experiential Learning

Polyxeni Matsouka, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*
Religious Education in European Countries

18.00 Closing the 1st day at the Faculty

FREE NIGHT

Thursday 19 June

09.00 SESSION 4 (3 x á 30 min= 20 min. paper + 10 min. discussion)

Niki Papageorgiou, *Faculty of Theology, Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki, Greece*
Religious Education in a Modern Pluralistic Society - The Case of Orthodoxy

Evangelia Makridaki, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*
Pedagogy of the Neptic Fathers

Krystallo Peleka, *Department of Preschool Education, Faculty of Education, University of Crete, Greece*
The Teaching of the Cana Marriage Miracle in Kindergarten

10.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.00 SESSION 5 (4x á 30 min= 20 min. paper + 10 min. discussion)

Georgios A. Krapis, *Faculty of Theology, Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki, Greece*
Methods of Religious Education in the African Orthodox Missions.

Athanasios Botas, *Faculty of Theology, Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki, Greece*
The Contribution of Innovative Teaching Methods for the Development of Ecological Thinking in the Framework of Religious Education

Kyriakos Stavrianos, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*
Athina Koutantou, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*
The Parable of the Sower. Patristic Approach and Teaching in Kindergarten

Eleftheria Zampoulaki, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*
The Tradition in the Textbooks of 5th and 6th Class of the Greek Primary School

13.30 Excursion to Rila monastery (Lunch package on the bus)

19.30 Arrival to Sofia

20.00 Dinner offered by The Bulgarian Patriarchate

Friday 20 June

09.00 SESSION 5 (3x á 30 min= 20 min. paper + 10 min. discussion)

Vasile Gordon, *University of Bucharest, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Romania*
Learning by sharing Experience: Cooperation between Religion's Teacher and Priest for Success of the Education of the Children in the Romanian Orthodox Church

Miron Erdei, *Faculty of Theology, University of Oradea, Romania*
Old Methods and Procedures in Religious Education for New Times

Vasiliki Mitropoulou, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Faculty of Theology, Greece*
Alexandros Koptsis, *School Counselor, Thessaloniki, Greece*
Aims and Teaching Methods in Orthodox Christian Education

10. 30 COFFEE BREAK

11.00 SESSION 6 (4 x á 30 min= 20 min. paper + 10 min. discussion)

Christina Tsaka, *Independent Scholar, Greece*
Saints and St Nicholas and Young Children

Kalliopi Persemati, *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*
The Pedagogical Ideas in the Book of Proverbs.

Klara Toneva, *Faculty of Theology Sofia University, Bulgaria*
History of Religions and its Implications for Religious Education

Kornilaki Katerina (presented by Christina Tsaka), *Department of Preschool Education, University of Crete, Greece*
Artificial and Natural Insemination

THE AFTERNOON PROGRAM (WILL BE FINALIZED LATER)

- 13.00 LUNCH (Close to the Faculty)
- 15.30 Visit to the Bulgarian patriarchate
- **17.00 GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF OCREA**
- **18.00 Closing Session and Farewell– Anton Vrame**, President of the OCREA
- 18.30 Leaving to a dinner
- 21.30 Returning to Sofia

Saturday 21 June	Departures
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