Transfiguration & Dormition: Working Papers on the August Mēnaion & Related Traditions in the Christian East

21st-22nd November 2022 • Universität Regensburg

Research on the feasts of the Transfiguration of Christ (August 6) and the Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15) in the Christian East remains embryonic, despite these celebrations being amongst the most important in the annual sanctoral cycle. This workshop gathers scholars currently engaged in research on the history of these feasts, the books that transmit the liturgical materials pertaining to them, and related liturgical genres and book types. While the workshop will focus on the development of the August Mēnaion (in Greek and early Slavonic examples), which contains the developed Byzantine rites for the feasts, it will also examine the history of the feasts through sources including the Armenian and Georgian Lectionaries of Jerusalem, the Georgian Old ladgari, the Greek New Tropologion, the Armenian Sharaknoc', and the Kanonarion-Synaxarion of the Great Church of Constantinople. The workshop aims to familiarise scholars currently working in diverse institutional contexts not only with the state of the question as published but also with the precise contours of ongoing projects and as yet unpublished research.

Sunday 20th November

Arrivals, hotel check-in

17:30 Agrypnia (Vespers, Matins & Divine Liturgy) for the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Verklärungskapelle, Wollwirkergasse 25) ~ optional

Monday 21st November

- 09:00 Arrivals, organisation, IT setup
- 09:15 Gregory Tucker, Hymns for the Transfiguration in the Greek Tropologion & Early Mēnaia
- 10:45 Coffee
- 11:15 Alexandra Nikiforova, The August Menaion *Sinai Greek 631*: In Search of its Liturgical Tradition
- 12:45 Lunch
- 14:30 Roman Krivko, The Reception of the Byzantine August Mēnaion Among the Slavs
- 16:00 Coffee
- 16:30 Evan Freeman, The Transfiguration & Dormition in Early Byzantine Art
- 19:30 Dinner

Tuesday 22nd November

- 09:15 Gregory Tucker, Transfiguration & Dormition in Early Constantinopolitan Sources
- 10:45 Coffee
- 11:15 Plenary discussion (Respondent/Moderator: Cosmin Pricop)
- 12:45 End/lunch, departures

Those wishing to participate in person should register by email (gregory.tucker@ur.de) by 5pm (CET) on Friday, 11th November. Online participation is not possible.

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