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Although the Byzantine Rite stands among the most important liturgical traditions, its formative phase is particularly obscure. Liturgical sources, in the strict sense of books written for and used in worship, emerge only in the middle ages; so the reconstruction of earlier developments mostly relies on hints in patristic literature. Festal homilies are thus the primary source for what can be called the "prehistory" of the Byzantine liturgical year. Their investigation, however, is complicated by the fact that almost all homiletic corpora from late antique Constantinople (except for that of Gregory of Nazianzus) pose serious problems of literary and historical identity: the assignation of many of John Chrysostom's sermons is notoriously ambiguous; Severian of Gabala has gained clearer contours only in the last decades; the attribution of homilies to Proclus remains contested in many cases; the transmission of Nestorius's homilies is obfuscated by his condemnation; Leontius is only known from his homilies and his identity blurred by homonymous authors in other places; and a number of other preachers, beginning with Atticus, largely remain to be explored. Manifold detailed studies are necessary before a synthesis may be attempted. The envisaged interdisciplinary conference focuses the various perspectives of patristic, liturgical and Byzantine scholars on the development of the Byzantine liturgical year in the mirror of late antique homilies. Speakers will reflect on (1) the literary and historical identity of late antique Constantinopolitan preachers and on the criteria which can be used to establish their homiletic corpora, as well as on historical and intellectual influences; (2) the contribution of these homilies to the history of the liturgical year and its celebrations (feasts, stations, readings, etc.) and the relation of that evidence to other regions and to the later liturgical tradition of Byzantium; and (3) the theology of the various feasts and the liturgical year as such. Hymnography is also included insofar it can be localised with confidence in preiconoclast Constantinople.



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**Programme**

**Tuesday 3 July Afternoon**  
Fundamental Perspectives

- Holger Villadsen, Liturgical Year and Readings in Constantinople according to Severian of Gabala
- Harald Buchinger, Mimetische und antimimetische Aspekte bei Severian von Gabala
- Wendy Mayer, Reappraising the homily as a liturgical source: how far can we push the boundaries?

**Tuesday 3 July 6 pm: Opening and Public Keynote**

- Derek Krueger, The ninth-century kontakarion as evidence for the late antique calendar and festive practice in Constantinople

**Wednesday 4 July Morning**  
Christmas Cycle

- Stefanos Alexopoulos, Was there an Organized Catechumenate in Constantinople at the Time of Gregory the Theologian? Looking at Orations 38-40 for Evidence
- Thomas Kamann, Zu den „Weltnachts“-Predigten Gregors von Nazianz
- Nicholas Russo, St. Gregory Nazianzus' Oratio 40 (On baptism)
- Annette von Stockhausen, Das Epiphania-Fest bei Severian von Gabala – (Methodologische) Überlegungen zum Stz Im Leben einiger seiner Homilien

**Easter Cycle I**

- Sever J. Volcu, The Ancient Byzantine Lent
- Stefano Parenti & Elena Velkovicova, La prequaresima e la quaresima prebzantina: la testimonianza del Vangelo liturgico
- Sergey Kim, Preaching on Palm Sunday in Constantinople and in Antioch: Severian of Gabala and Meletius of Antioch

**Wednesday 4 July Afternoon**  
Easter Cycle II

- Matthieu Cassin, De la Grande Semaine à la Pentecôte dans les Homélie de Léonce, prêtre de Constantinople
- Radu Garbacea, Liturgy and Preaching on Maundy Thursday in Late Antique Constantinople According to Severian of Gabala and Proclus of Constantinople

- Alexandru LMu Ionita, Theoktonoi Ioudaioi: Patristic Homilies for the Holy Week, Anti-Judaism and the Making of the Byzantine Lectionary
- Richard Bishop, The Pentecost Sermon (CPG 5815) Attributed to Proclus of Constantinople
- Eirini Artemi, The theological and doxological reference to the Resurrection and the Pentecost according to the orations of Gregory Nazianzen XLI and XLV

**Thursday 5 July Morning**  
Marian feasts

- Stephen J. Shoemaker, The Cult of the Virgin in the Liturgy of Late Ancient Constantinople
- Christiaan Kappes, Proclus of Constantinople (or Ps-Basil of Seleucia) Homily 39: Liturgical and Patristic Sources, Lectures, and Relation to the Council of Ephesus
- Mary Cunningham, Fifth- and Sixth-Century Byzantine Homilies on the Annunciation: Witnesses to an Early Phase of Marian Celebration and Doctrine
- Spyros P. Panagopoulos, The Feast of the Entrance of the Holy Virgin into the Byzantine Liturgical Calendar: Homiletics and Hymnography in Interaction
- Marco Benini, Hypapante: Vom Christustest in Jerusalem zum Marientest in Konstantinopel?
- Innocent Smith, Kosmas Vestitor and the Development of Marian Liturgical Devotion in East and West

**Thursday 5 July Afternoon**  
Sanctorale and other celebrations

- Katharina Reihl, Die Heiligen Stephanus, Euphemia und Phokas in Konstantinopel zur Zeit des Johannes Chrysostomus
- Teodoro De Giorgio, L'encomio di Gregorio di Nissa in onore del soldato martire Teodoro d'Amasea e il suo influo sulla tradizione liturgico-iconegrafica costantinopolitana preiconoclasta
- Daniel Galadza, Sanctorale of Gospel Manuscripts
- Gary Phillip Raczka, The Introduction of the Reading of the Gospel of Luke into the Byzantine Lectionary
- Mark Roosen, The readings and processions of early earthquake commemorations in Constantinople: homiletic and historical precursors
- Gregory Tucker, Towards the Pre-history of the Conciliar Feasts

- Vitaly Permiakov, Homily of Ps.-Severian of Gabala "On the Dedication of the precious and life-giving Cross" and the Early History of the Feast of Exaltation in Constantinople

**Friday 6 July Morning**  
Hymnography

- Alexander Lingas, Singing Feasts in the Liturgy of Late Antique Constantinople
- Georgla Frank, Singing in the Dark: The Night Vigil as Incubator of Emotions
- Andrew Mellas, "Let us lift up our hearts": Transforming theology into sacred song in Romanos the Melodist's On Pentecost
- Damaskinos Oikkuuora, Contextualizing Romanos: the problems of his sources and influence on festal homilies
- Mark Morozowich, Patristic Holy Thursday Homilies on the Transgression of Judas: Precursors to Hymnographic Elements?
- Mark Bilby, Festal Breadcrumbs of the Byzantine Eucharist: Patristic Antecedents of the Troparion Tou delpnou
- Stig Ragnvald Frøyskov and Thomas Arentzen, The kata stichon hymnography as a source for early Constantinopolitan festal celebrations?

**Friday 6 July Afternoon**  
Complementary Questions

- Byron MacDougall, Theoria in Constantinopolitan Homiletic and the Legacy of Gregory of Nazianus
- Mikhail Zhelto, Eucharistic miracle stories and annual structures
- Stéphane Verhelst, L'énumération des fêtes du Seigneur dans les homélie byzantines, spécialement à Jérusalem
- Vasileios Marhis, Architecture and Liturgy in the Early Churches of Constantinople: A Reappraisal
- Maria Xenaki, Commemorating the Dead in Late Antique Constantinople: Epigraphical Sources
- Alexander Rentel, At the crossroads of canonical process and liturgical rites: the election and ordination of bishop in the canonical corpus