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# ПРАВОСЛАВНИ ИНСТИТУТ СВЕТИХ СЕБАСТИЈАНА И МАРДАРИЈА

Западноамеричка Епархија  
Српска Православна Црква  
у Северној и Јужној Америци



## CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM

February 13-16, 2017 • St. George Serbian Orthodox Church • San Diego, CA  
*In Cooperation with the Clergy Brotherhood of SOC*



**Rev. Fr. Vasileios Thermos, MD, PhD**

*Keynote Addresses & Core Courses*

Rev. Fr. Vasileios Thermos, MD, PhD is a priest of the Church of Greece. Together with his priestly ministry in Athens, he is a practicing psychiatrist, and is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Psychology at the University Ecclesiastical Academy in Athens. The author of many books and articles, he offers spiritually provocative and clinically informed programs and retreats in Greece, the United States, Albania, and Cyprus. His insights into the fields of theology and psychology are combined with a strong undercurrent in psychoanalytic thought.

## PSYCHOLOGY IN THE SERVICE OF GOD

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

\* Breakfast in hotels

**Online Registration Now Open!**

#### Monday, February 13

- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Diocesan Council Meeting
- 6:00 pm – 6:50 pm Vespers
- 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 pm Wine & Cheese Reception and Book Signing

#### Tuesday, February 14

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration for New Arrivals
- 9:00 am – 10:15 am Orthos
- 10:20 am – 10:50 am Breakfast
- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm **Addiction and the Person: A Psychological and Theological Approach**
- 12:00 pm – 12:50 pm Discussion
- 1:00 pm – 1:50 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Rest
- 3:30 pm – 4:20 pm **Group Discussion:**
  - a) Pastoral care of addicts
  - b) Addictive behaviors of clergy and clergy wives
  - c) Pleasure vs joy in contemporary Christians
- 4:30 pm – 5:20 pm Discussion
- 5:30 pm – 6:20 pm Vespers
- 6:30 pm – 7:20 pm Dinner
- Free Time

### Wednesday, February 15

7:30 am – 9:00 am	Divine Liturgy – Meeting of Our Lord
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Breakfast
9:45 am – 10:45 am	<b>Psychosomatic health of the Orthodox Clergy in Europe and the USA</b>
10:50 am – 11:40 am	Discussion
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Break
12:00 pm – 12:50 pm	<b>Group Discussion:</b>
	a) Specific stressors of clergy in America
	b) Clergy wives' burden and its impact on their health
	c) Relationships among clergy as sources of either (di)stress or alleviation/support
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Rest
3:30 pm – 4:20 pm	Discussion
4:30 pm – 5:20 pm	Vespers
5:30 pm – 6:20 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>The Spiritual Father Encountering a Person with Same-sex Attraction</b>
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Discussion

### Thursday, February 16

7:30 am – 8:45 am	Orthos
8:50 am – 9:20 am	Breakfast
9:20 am – 10:20 am	<b>How Can Psychological Knowledge Assist Spiritual Life?</b>
10:30 am – 11:20 am	Discussion
11:20 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Break
12:00 pm – 12:50 pm	<b>Group Discussion:</b>
	a) What psychological training should a spiritual father receive?
	b) Pathological characters in the parish and their handling
	c) Promoting the self-knowledge of the priest
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Rest
3:30 pm – 4:20 pm	Discussion
4:30 pm – 5:20 pm	Vespers
5:30 pm – 6:20 pm	Dinner / Presentation of Certificates
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Overall Discussion of Retreat
8:00 pm	Cheese Reception and Tvrdoš Wine Tasting

*Upon successful completion, participants receive a Certificate of Achievement from the Institute, recognizing their continuing education in Orthodox theory and practice.*

### REGISTRATION FEE – \$25.00

**COURSE, MATERIALS & MEALS FEE – \$175.00** (Breakfast is not provided by the conference)

### HOTEL INFORMATION (No Group Rates)

Hotel and Airport Information for STS. SEBASTIAN AND MARDARIJE ORTHODOX INSTITUTE  
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