

Newsletter

Christmas & New Year

2017-2018



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL OUR ACADEMIC COURSES: CERTIFICATE, MA, DOCTORATE



On behalf of all at IOCS, I am delighted to share this end-of-year newsletter with you. As you browse the contents of this bulletin, I am sure that you will join me in appreciating what a rich and, in many ways, pivotal year 2017 has been for the Institute as we continue, with God's help, to provide an Orthodox space for *learning and research*, *encounter and dialogue*, *mission and outreach* in Cambridge.

This year, in June, we celebrated two decades since the Institute was imagined. We were honoured to mark this milestone anniversary together with Lord Rowan Williams of Oystermouth, former Archbishop of Canterbury, currently Master of Magdalene College Cambridge, with much-loved actor David Suchet CBE, and indeed with our very own Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, the President of IOCS.

Teaching has always been at the heart of IOCS and this year we have been busier than ever. With a combined number of over 75 students across all our degrees and courses, we felt both challenged and motivated to communicate not mere 'theological information' but, in the process of learning, to also create a living community of students and teachers connected by faith and prayer, and driven by a spirit of discovery (Mt 7:7).

While inspired by all that the Institute stands for and is doing, it is easy to forget that a lot of this is achieved by a small core staff team of only three people, who rely on the support of a generous group of tutors, associate researchers and lecturers. This fellowship, as well as the membership of the Institute in the Cambridge Theological Federation, places IOCS in the unique position of being the single Orthodox theological institution offering accredited university degrees in the UK, and indeed in the English-speaking Western-Europe.

To help continue our distinctive educational ministry, please consider supporting the Institute in the coming year. There are many ways in which one can make a difference: setting up a standing order donation (form available on page 11), supporting our student scholarship plan, considering an endowment, or simply becoming involved with the Friends of IOCS initiative – which aims to raise both funds and awareness about IOCS in the wider community.

We look towards 2018 with anticipation, not only for having the benefit of two decades of work and experience behind us, but because trusting in God's help, we will continue to shape our service by St Paul's words to the Colossians: 'Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men' (3:23).

Father Dragos Herescu

CERTIFICATE IN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Our popular course by Distance Learning running for more than 8 years. It offers an introduction into Orthodox theology and is suitable for all students of all ages, from all over the world.

Benefits of the course:

» continuing theological formation;
» a personal Tutor who keeps contact by e-mail, advises on study skills and conducts online discussions with groups of students at least once per week;

» access to 'discussion forums' and 'chat-rooms', so as to keep contact with others studying the same subject;

» fellowship in a large international community of students;

» suitable for training clergy and/ or lay ministry.

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY AND MISSION

Postgraduate programme offered jointly with the Cambridge Theological Federation and validated by Durham University This course can also be followed by Distance Learning - an option preferred by all current students.

Our Master of Arts:

» could constitute a launch pad for further academic research in Orthodox Theology (PhD);

» provides tools for subsequent employment in church-related or social care positions;

» offers a perfect formative environment for pastoral ministry within the Church, both for clergy and laity;

» opens up possibilities for academic employment.



PhD IN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Our doctoral research programme is validated by Anglia Ruskin University - Cambridge

Our doctoral programme:

» is the only doctorate offered through an Orthodox institution in the UK and one of the few in the English-speaking world;

» is recognised and valued internationally;

 it provides access to worldleading study resources in Cambridge;

» offers expertise in diverse key research areas, like ecology, theology of creation, systematic and philosophical theology, ecumenism, Ethiopian Orthodox christianity, secularisation and religion in contemporary society; » our website lists potential supervisors in these areas of research.

IOCS 2018 CONFERENCE - 'THE NEWNESS OF THE OLD' **NEW! -** CONVERSATION DAYS AT IOCS CAMBRIDGE

THE NEWNESS OF THE OLD - Tradition, Doctrine and Christian Life between Preservation and Innovation

Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 31st August – 1st September 2018

In the new year, IOCS will hold an international conference with the title *The Newness of the Old*. The event will take place from 31st August to 1st September 2018 in Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. The aim of the conference is to reflect on the meaning of tradition. Eastern Orthodoxy is known for its strong sense of tradition. It constantly reminds the Christian community that intentional or unintentional innovation can weaken tradition and bring about its destruction. On the other hand, there is the danger that blind faithfulness to tradition degenerates into an ossified and lifeless traditionalism.

Christian theology and practice must transcend any simplistic dichotomy between a conservative and a progressive outlook on life. In a consistently Trinitarian theology, it is precisely the 'old' that manifests itself as the 'ever-new'. The question of how this paradoxical interplay between continuity and discontinuity is to be conceived of remains one of the main challenges for Orthodox theology in the twenty-first century. Outside explicitly theological circles, the concept of 'tradition' has long been rehabilitated. From the work of seminal thinkers such as Hans-Georg Gadamer, Paul Ricoeur



and Alasdair MacIntyre, we have learned that human existence cannot be understood without considering the specific narrative background that underlies it.

The conference will reflect on the following topics:

- Tradition in the patristic period: continuities and discontinuities
- Tradition in Continental and Analytic Philosophy

• Historical case studies about successful/failed attempts at innovation/preservation

- Development of doctrine
- Tradition, innovation and imagination
- A Trinitarian approach to tradition
- Tradition and social change: between proaction and reaction

Confirmed keynote speakers include Revd Prof Andrew Louth (Emeritus Professor, Durham University) and Prof Jens Zimmerman (Trinity Western University, Langley, Canada). The Institute will send out a call for papers for the conference in January.

CONVERSATION DAYS AT IOCS IN 2018

Our Institute will continue its Cambridge-based events (previously known as 'Community Days') in a different, more dynamic arrangement that would appeal to a wider audience. In this sense, we will offer next year our new series of '**Conversation Days at IOCS, Cambridge**'.

Since these events are being envisaged as 'conversations', we will invite two speakers for each of the days, each delivering a presentation followed by a questions and answers session (one presentation before lunch and the second after). There will be time for the two speakers to respond to one another and take questions from the audience. The structure of our Conversation Days will be:



10:30-11:00: arrival and coffee/tea 11:00-12:15: session 1 + brief response + questions and answers 12:15-13:00: sandwiches and refreshments 13:00-14:15: session 2 + brief response + questions and answers Please note down the dates for these events for 2018 on Saturdays:

17 March 2018 / 21 April 2018 / 19 May 2018 / 16 June 2018 The IOCS Conversation Days will be open to all and FREE OF CHARGE!

A CELEBRATION IN SUPPORT OF IOCS 17 JUNE 2017, MAGDALENE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE



On 17 June 2017, the Master of Magdalene College, Dr Rowan Williams (Lord Williams of Oystermouth) together with Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia hosted a celebratory event at Magdalene College, Cambridge, in support of the work of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies. The event gathered together many of the supporters, friends, members and directors of IOCS. The theme of the day was *Standing at the Crossroads: Challenges and Opportunities for Orthodoxy in the West* with the tagline *IOCS – building on two decades in Cambridge*.

Four very distinguished speakers addressed the audience: Revd Dr John Jillions, the first principal of IOCS and one of its founders, captivated the audience by presenting a first-hand account of the early history





The Institute's special guest for the day, the actor David Suchet (here in conversation with Father Dragos Herescu) All photos on this page and the next © Regina Ray

of IOCS and the vision which inspired it. Metropolitan Kallistos, the President of the Institute and also its mentor and spiritual guide, delivered an inspired talk on the situation of the Orthodox Church in the British Isles. He also highlighted a number of areas where he identified the role of the Institute as pivotal the theology of creation, communion and encounter. In the afternoon we delighted in a rare treat – a perspective from the realm of the arts on what it means to be a Christian in today's world. World-famous and much-loved actor David Suchet (mostly known from the internationally celebrated TV series Poirot) took centre stage in a conversation with the Principal of the Institute, Father Dragos Herescu. This was a moving and profound confession of faith and a plea for Christian unity which was greatly appreciated by all present. Finally, the host of the event, Revd Dr Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, spoke about

STANDING AT THE CROSSROADS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORTHODOXY IN THE WEST

the contribution of Orthodoxy in the West and the value of an Orthodox institute in Cambridge. Dr Williams' profound theological meditation crowned the end of a day which was marked both by a spirit of communion and prayerful reflection, and by a sense of urgency and enterprise.

We are grateful to have had so many of our friends by our side (with more than 50 people in attendance), for the fellowship and encouraging feedback, at this stage when the Institute is celebrating two decades of existence. At this landmark anniversary, the Institute looks forward with a renewed sense of purpose, excited by the journey before us. With faith in Christ and with the help of our friends everything is possible!



The staff of IOCS with our speakers for the day (from left to right): Dr Razvan Porumb (Lecturer/Vice-Principal IOCS), Revd Dr Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury), Mr David Suchet CBE (our special guest for the day), Metropolitan Kallistos Ware (President of IOCS), Revd Dr John Jillions (Founding Principal of IOCS), Father Dragos Herescu (Principal of IOCS) and Dr Christoph Schneider (Academic Director, IOCS).



I want to see the Orthodox presence, and the Orthodox mind and the Orthodox language very deeply interwoven with what we as Christians, and we as theologians generally would want to say in our current cultural environment. Here is a life lived, a change effected by grace, a way of speaking about the environment we inhabit. And both for our Christian and for our secular environment, that is, for us all, a world of life. Which is why I am very glad you are here and hope you will be here for a whole time longer.

Revd Dr Rowan Williams

I wish I could spend my time in institutions like this, but I can't. I wish I could spend my time talking to Christians. I've been so excited by being here, today, in this wonderful Institute and by the way that you work here and by the fact that you do have this fantastic outreach. If we take education out of the religious experience, it will never grow, because the seeds can't be planted. I pray with you, I would pray every minute for teachers. Teachers, teachers, teachers. And that's where Jesus placed Himself.

David Suchet CBE



We aim to be pan-Orthodox, to involve all the Orthodox different ecclesiastical families that work in this country and, of course, we hope to have an international outreach. We welcome students from abroad as well as non-Orthodox students. So I would see our Cambridge Institute as an important sign of the times pointing to the direction which the Orthodox Church should follow here in the British Isles. We are one in faith but we do not manifest that unity as we should. Our Institute can surely contribute to that vital task.

Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, President IOCS



Here we have a place where Orthodox of all different styles and stripes can meet in the heart of a world-renowned academic city, where Orthodox people from around the world can benefit in a place of advanced study. And everybody else can also benefit from the presence of an Orthodox institution, even long after all of us are gone. If the Lord is the Builder of the house then we rejoice in all the different things that are brought to it and it's His work, not our own. May God grant that this Institute prosper in the years to come.

Revd Dr John Jillions, Founding Principal of IOCS

TALK BY REVD PROFESSOR CONSTANTIN NECULA / VISIT OF NOTRE DAME STUDENTS / ORDER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM TO IOCS STAFF

TALK BY REVD PROF CONSTANTIN NECULA

Friends and staff of the Institute, together with members of the Romanian Parish of St John The Evangelist in Cambridge welcomed Revd Prof Constantin Necula from the Theology Faculty of the 'Lucian Blaga' University in Sibiu, Romania. Father Constantin gave a talk on 14 November 2017 on *The Importance and Implications of Fasting*. A numerous audience gathered to listen to Father Constantin for a joyful, inspiring and warm evening at St Giles Church in central Cambridge - the place of worship for the Romanian parish. This event was organised jointly by IOCS with the Romanian Parish of St John the Evangelist.







STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME VISIT OUR INSTITUTE

On 25 November 2017, our Institute was happy to receive the visit of a group of students form the University of Notre Dame in the United States, led by Rev Dr Stephen Need. The visiting students were following a course on 'Christology: Councils and Churches' taught by Revd Need in the London campus of the University of Notre Dame. At IOCS

the visitors attended a lecture on *Orthodoxy and Ecumenism: towards active metanoia*, offered by Dr Razvan Porumb. Staff of IOCS together with the visiting students and Revd Dr Sephen Need continued their conversation over lunch in an inspiring atmosphere of exchange of experiences and ideas. We hope this event could represent the beginning of a tradition which will see groups of students from Notre Dame visiting our Institute every year - a mutually enriching bridge connecting our institutions.

ROMANIAN ORDER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM TO IOCS STAFF

Father Dragos Herescu, Principal of IOCS and Dr Razvan Porumb, Vice-Principal, have had the great honour of beeing awarded the Order of 'Saint John Chrysostom' with pectoral crosses by His Beatitude Daniel, the Patriarch of Romania.

These distinctions have been awarded for an 'outstanding activity in safeguarding and serving the Orthodox faith'. Father Herescu and Dr Porumb, who have both worked for the Romanian Church in the past, have had the pleasure more recently of contributing an English version of the celebratory issue of 'The Herald of Orthodoxy' – the information magazine of the Romanian Patriarchate. This magazine, among many other publications and events, celebrated 10 years of Patriarchate of His Beatitude Daniel of Romania.



UPDATE ON ACADEMIC COURSES / LOI CONSULTATION ON THEOLOGICAL FORMATION FOR MISSION

UPDATE ON OUR ACADEMIC COURSES:

IOCS currently has 14 part-time postgraduate students and is planning, together with the Cambridge Theological Federation, to expand the postgraduate programme for the new academic year 2018/19. Although this project is still in its early stage, our aim is to offer two new MA courses that are specifically geared toward the needs of our students. We cannot give more detailed information at the moment, but please check our website for updates in the next months. If all goes according to plan, we should be able to advertise the new degrees in March 2018.

We are also developing our doctoral programme, due to the great interest in this degree from potential students from all over the world. We are happy that two excellent scholars, Dr Elizabeth Theokritoff and Dr Ralph Lee have agreed to act as first supervisors for doctoral students for our Institute. Their expertise significantly increases the range of topics we can supervise on PhD level. Please visit our website for more information about our doctoral programme.

Our Certificate course currently undergoes revision, but is running without interruption. With the help of established scholars and friends of IOCS, we have managed to re-record most of the lectures and to update the reading material. This revision has been made possible by a substantial donation from *The Gerald Palmer Eling Trust*. Everyone interested in this course is invited to enrol. At the moment, 56 students are registered for the Certificate and Diploma courses.



LAUSANNE-ORTHODOX INITIATIVE IN CAMBRIDGE

Father Dragos Herescu, together with Dr Razvan Porumb took part in the consultation on *Theological Formation for Mission* organised by the Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative in Cambridge, UK (5-8 Sptember 2017). The Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative is 'a movement of

Orthodox and Evangelical Christians' who 'wish to learn from each other in order to become mutually enriched and strengthened in the work of mission, working towards mutual respect, support and cooperation' (*www.loimission.net*). The event was attended by over 60 participants from all over the world and the dialogue took place in an atmosphere of electrifying enthusiams and prayerful concord. The IOCS staff had the joy of meeting two former Principals of IOCS who were both participating in the conference: Revd Dr John Jillions and Dr Grant White.

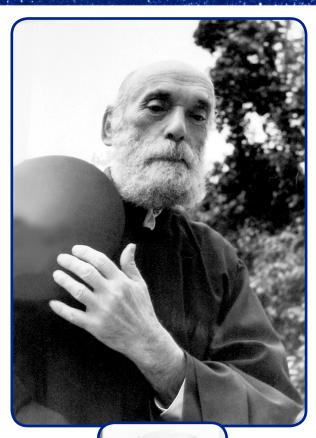
Father Dragos had two contributions to the event, both of which are now available as podcasts on the LOI website. You can go to *http://audio.ancientfaith.com/specials/loi2017/loi_2017-seminaries.mp3* to listen to Father Dragos' contribution to the seminar on 'Challenges and Promises for Seminaries and Colleges working together' (presented jointly with Revd Neil Thorogood – Principal of Westminster College, Cambridge – and Revd Dr Paul Weston – from Ridley Hall, Cambridge). Also available is Father Dragos' contribution to the presentation 'Local Examples of working together', which you can listen to at *http://audio.ancientfaith.com/specials/loi2017/loi_2017-seminaries_together.mp3* (presented together with Dr Emma Wild-Wood, Director of the Centre for the Study of World Christianity, Cambridge).

'ASSAULTED BY JOY - NICOLAE STEINHARDT' AT OFSJB SUMMER CONFERENCE 2017 CONFERENCE ON THE CHRISTIAN FUTURE OF EUROPE

PRESENTATION ON FR NICOLAE STEINHARDT AT OFSJB CONFERENCE

Dr Razvan Porumb was one of the speakers at this year's Summer Conference of the Orthodox Fellowship of Saint John the Baptist, which took place between 14-16 June 2017, at the High Leigh Conference Centre in Hertfordshire. The theme of the conference was Sorrow into Joy. Dr Porumb joined a distinguished line-up of speakers, including His Eminence Kallistos Ware, Metropolitan of Diokleia, His Emincence Silouan Oner, Antiochian Metropolitan of the British Isles and Ireland, Mother Sarah (Orthodox Chaplain at the University of Bath) and Dr Mangala Frost (Research Associate at IOCS). Dr Porumb gave a talk entitled 'Assaulted by joy' - Nicolae Steinhardt (1912-1988), which focused on a few key aspects of the work of this (as yet)

insufficiently known Romanian writer and spiritual father (pictured here). This paper focused on Father Nicolae's book *The Diary of Happiness*. Steinhardt's story is made different by his unique experience of being baptised as a Christian in prison, his narrative centring on his subsequent discovery and exploration of faith and his personal relation with Christ. This talk, alongside those of the other speakers, has appeared in the latest issue of the *Forerunner*, the Journal of OFSJB (No. 70, Winter 2017-18).



'I do not see the incarnated Christ, but only an enormous light – white and bright – and I feel unspeakably happy. This light envelopes me from all sides, it is complete happiness, and it ousts everything else. I am submersed in the blinding light, I float inside the light, I am in light and I exult. I know it is going to last forever, it is perpetuum immobile. The light speaks to me: I am, not through words – but through thoughts. I understand it is the Lord and that I am inside the light of Tabor, and I don't just see it, but I am living inside of it.

'More than anything I am happy, happy, happy. I am happy and I recognise that I am, and tell myself that. The light seems to be brighter than light and it seems to talk to me and tells me who it is. The dream seems to go on for long, for very long. Happiness not only lasts forever, but increases constantly. If evil is bottomless, so goodness too is boundless. The circle of light

widens more and more, and, having enfolded me silkily, joy suddenly changes tactics, it becomes severe, launches at me, falls down over me as in avalanches which – anti-gravitationally – lift me up. Then, again, it acts differently: lovingly, it cradles me. And finally, unforgivingly, it replaces me. I am no more. Yet I am, but so strong, that I can't recognise myself.

(Fragment from *Jurnalul Fericirii - The Diary* of *Happiness* - translated into English by Dr Razvan Porumb for the OFSJB presentation).



CONFERENCE ON THE *CHRISTIAN FUTURE OF EUROPE*, PRESIDED BY HIS EMINENCE HILARION, METROPOLITAN OF VOLOKOLAMSK

The Principal of IOCS, Father Dragos Herescu, together with the President of IOCS, Metropolitan Kallistos Ware and other Directors of the Institute, took part in the Conference on the *Christian future of Europe*, presided by His Eminence Hilarion, Metropolitan of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Department of External Church Relations and a

permanent member of the Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Moscow together with the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, the Rt Revd Jonathan Goodall. This event took place on 22nd September 2017 at the Residence of the Ambassador of the Russian Federation in London and also included the presentation of the book *The Mystery of Repentance*, written by His Beatitude, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and all Russia.

FRIENDS OF IOCS

THE FRIENDS OF IOCS in America is off to an energetic start, holding face to face meetings with prospective students in Seattle, Portland, Denver and Boston. Fr David Lowell was asked at the General meeting back in May to get the Friends up and running. Former IOCS Trustee Michael Basham has been a

tremendous help to Fr David and the Institute since they began meeting in the Denver area. A retired university president, Michael has practical experience that is of great use to us as IOCS grows.

If you are on Facebook, take a look at the page Fr David started this summer: *Friends of the Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies*. Some of the posts are necessarily duplicative of the Institute's regular Facebook page, but the



Friends page has a slightly more informal feel. While IOCS is very focused on academics, Fr David looks more at what attracts prospective American students to give a second look at IOCS. Cambridge itself is an attention grabber.

The chance to stay in contact with people you meet along the way is

another important part of retaining friends and supporters. In Boston last month, many IOCS tutors and friends from Cambridge turned out for the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature. Todd Godwin, Brandon Gallaher, Ralph Lee were there. We saw old friends Jim Aitken of the Faculty of Divinity and Cindy Wesley, formerly of Wesley House, a longtime friend of IOCS, and many others who are seen or mentioned on the Friends' Facebook page. Next year's AAR/SBL meeting will be in Denver. We are making plans to use that venue more effectively. In both the UK and in the US we want to provide more opportunities to serve and interact with local parishes.





The Friends of IOCS will have both a UK and a USA arm, chaired by Dr Elizabeth Theokritoff and Fr David Lowell respectively. All photos above © Regina Ray

The original idea for the Friends, as Fr Dragos envisioned it, was not only to raise awarenes, but also to raise money. We'll get around to that, to be sure. The most generous givers are those who feel connected to an organization's mission and purpose, and who personally know others who are involved in that organization. That's what this little *Friends of IOCS* is all about. We find people everywhere who are delighted to be asked for their help. We want students who complete our courses to stay connected, to become donors down the road. We will give snippets of our work and results in each newsletter.



RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF IOCS STAFF

Dr Christoph Schneider, Academic Director Current Projects:

Chapter on 'Pavel A. Florensky: at the Boundary of Immanence and Transcendence', in George Pattison, Caryl Emerson & Randall Poole (eds), Oxford Handbook of Russian Religious Thought (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
Editor of Theology and Philosophy in Eastern Orthodoxy (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock).



• 'Orthodox Theology and Philosophy of Language', in *Theology and Philosophy in Eastern Orthodoxy* (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock).

Recent Publications:

• Review of Pavel Florensky, 'Early Religious Writings.

1903-1009', trans. Boris Jakim, (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 2017) in *Sobornost* (forthcoming).

- 'The Newness of the Old', Franciscan 29/3 (2017), 1-2.
- 'Zwischen Immanenz und Transzendenz. Ein Versuch mit Radical Orthodoxy mitzudenken', in Sven Grosse, Harald Seubert (eds), *Radical Orthodoxy. Eine Herausforderung für Christentum und Theologie nach der Säkularisierung* (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2017), pp. 185-201.

• With Harald Seubert and Sven Grosse, translation of John Milbank, 'Radical Orthodoxy: a Rough Guide für deutschsprachige Leser', in Sven Grosse, Harald Seubert (eds), Radical Orthodoxy. Eine Herausforderung für Christentum und Theologie nach der Säkularisierung (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2017), pp. 39-72.

Dr Razvan Porumb, Vice-Principal / Lecturer Recent Publications:

• 'Orthodox Approaches to Practical Theology' in the *International Journal of Practical Theology* (de Gruyter), 21(1), pp. 127-154.

'Orthodoxy in Engagement with the "Outer" World. The Dynamic of the "Inward-Outward" Cycle' in *Religions* 2017, 8(8), 131 - the special issue on *Inward Being and Outward Identity: The Orthodox Churches in the 21st Century.*'Assaulted by Joy - Nicolae Steinhardt (1912-1989)' in *Forerunner* (Journal of the Orthodox Fellowship of St John the Baptist, No. 70, Winter 2017-18).

THE REVISION OF OUR DISTANCE LEARNING COURSE



Revd Dr Nikolai Sakharov from the Monastery of St John the Baptist in Essex, during the recording of Certificate lectures

Throughout 2017, we have continued to record new lectures and restructure the course curriculum of the Institute's very popular Distance Learning Certificate course.

A number of lecturers came over to our Institute's premises in Cambridge to record fresh videos of their lectures, among whom: Revd Dr Nikolai Sakharov, Dr Krastu Banev, Revd Dr Liviu Barbu,



Dr Krastu Banev, our dear friend and Institute alumnus, delivered his lectures for the Certificate course in front of the camera

Revd Dr Andreas Andreopoulos, Mr Aidan Hart and others. This major project would not have been possible without the contribution of the *Gerald Palmer Eling Trust*, and we are encouraged and inspired by their generous support.

A number of more recordings and contributions are due, after which we expect to make the new course material available early in the new year. Do check our current Distance Learning Certificate course at:

http://www.iocs.cam.ac.uk/distance-learning-certificate-diploma-in-orthodox-christian-studies/

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