



SAINT PHILARET'S INSTITUTE

15th Annual Academic Theology Conference

**THE SOPHIOLOGY AND ECCLESIOLOGY OF FR. SERGIUS BULGAKOV AND
FR. PAVEL FLORENSKY**

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Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

Saint Philaret's Institute is continuing its series of conferences on modern Orthodox Christian ecclesiology. The next conference forum will take place in Moscow, in October. At this coming conference we propose a return to the topic of the nature and role of the Church, taking into consideration the fact that over the past couple of years we've seen two major anniversaries in Russian religious philosophy: 2021 was 150 years since the birth of Fr. Sergius Bulgakov (1871-1944), and this year marks the 140th year since the birth of Fr. Pavel Florensky (1882-1937).

To Fr. Sergius is responsible for fundamentally developing V.S. Solovyov's thought on the Church as God-manhood, and Fr. Pavel wrote of the Church as the embodiment of the friendship that existed between Christ and his disciples. Taking into consideration these two approaches, we propose that conference participants concentrate on developing the conference topic along two basic lines:

- a) The Church as a fulfilment of the Creator's intention for the cosmos and mankind;
- b) The Church as a specific community of Christ's disciples, linked by bonds of friendship.

In addition, we also hope to devote significant attention to the question of the current relevance and prospects for the development of Fr. Sergius's and Fr. Pavel's ecclesiological heritages.

The conference will take place both **in situ** in Moscow, and **online**, making distance participation possible for those who are unable to attend. Our working languages will be Russian and English.

If you wish to give a paper at the conference, we would ask that you submit your application, including your presentation subject no later than **15 September, 2022**. Application form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2EvQNX_447NC_K7PQTemN_UEMiSXEyWqEiD0LvDfUA50SVg/viewform?usp=sf_link With your application we would also ask to send **the major theses** to the Conference Organizing Committee.

So as there would be adequate time to prepare simultaneous translation of your papers, we would ask that you submit your text in full **before the 25th of September, 2022**.

If you wish to participate as a listener, please submit your application by **1 October, 2022**. Application form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddFVoCo7ysuEvTJ9Kt7qqL7dyhsYDvvr3xWKxcod0haWTZQA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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