

2nd International Patristic Conference concludes its work



On 11-12 December 2014, the 2nd International Theological Patristic Conference 'St. Simeon the New Theologian and His Spiritual Heritage' was held in Moscow, at the National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute).

The Conference was organized by the Ss Cyril and Methodius Theological Institute of Post-Graduate Studies and the National Research Nuclear University MEPhI.

The plenary sessions that were held on December 12, focused on the theological teaching of St Symeon the New Theologian, as well as on the writings of his predecessors and contemporaries, and on the subsequent Byzantine tradition. Among the speakers were Bishop Irinej of Bačka (Serbian Orthodox Church); Dr. Hannah Hunt (Leeds Trinity University, Great Britain); Schema-Archimandrite Gabriel (Bunge) (Hermitage of the Holy Cross, Switzerland) ; Dr. Petr Mikhailov (St. Tikhon's Orthodox University, Moscow); Dr. Archimandrite Irenei (Steenberg) (Saints Cyril and Athanasius of Alexandria Institute for Orthodox Studies, USA), and other scholars.

Upon the conclusion of the plenary sessions, the participants summed up the results of the conference. Its materials are due to be published next year.

That same day, in the evening, the participants in the conference attended the opening of the 4th Moscow Christmas Festival of Classical Music at the Moscow Conservatoire. Performed at the concert were *Stabat Mater* compositions by Antonio Vivaldi, Gioachino Rossini, and Metropolitan Hilarion (Alfeyev) of Volokolamsk.

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