

CONFERENCE REPORT

Syriac Session at The North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, May 28–30, 1998

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- [1] The North American Patristic Society held its annual meeting at Loyola University (Chicago) May 28–30, 1998. The meeting, which was attended by a record number of scholars, also saw an especially impressive representation of papers related to different aspects of Syriac studies. The Syriac Session took place on Saturday afternoon from 1:30–4:15. A total of six papers were read. A listing of authors and titles follows:

Susan Meyers, University of Notre Dame. “‘Come, hidden Mother:’ Initiatory Spirit Epicleses in Syriac-Speaking Christianity (Acts of Thomas).”

Paul S. Russell, Chevy Chase, MD, USA. “Ephraem the Syrian on the Utility of Language and the Place of Silence.”

Ute Possek, Woburn, MA, USA. “Hellenism in the East: Evidence of Greek Philosophical Concepts in the Writings of Ephrem the Syrian.”

Hieromonk Dr. Alexander Golitzin, Marquette University. “The Image and Glory of God in Jacob of Serug’s Homily ‘On the Chariot that Ezekiel Saw:’ Some Reflections on a ‘Monophysite Christology.’”

Abdul Massih Saadi, Lutheran School of Theology. “Contextualization of Christian Theology: Moshe bar Kephā’s Writings.”

John C. Lamoreaux, Duke University. “The Dialogue of John of Edessa and Phineas the Jew.”

- [2] The session was chaired by Joseph P. Amar, University of Notre Dame. Owing to the number of papers presented, comments were limited to one or two respondents.