



*International Orthodox
Theological Association*

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2023 Mega-Conference Announced

We are delighted to announce that the second mega-conference of the International Orthodox Theological Association will take place in **Volos, Greece on January 10-15, 2023**. The overarching theme of the conference is all aspects of the mission of the Orthodox Church.

Volos Academy for Theological Studies will serve as our conference host. We are grateful to the Academy's Director, Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis, for his initiative and to his staff for organizational support. The conference has the blessing of His Eminence Ignatios, Metropolitan of Demetrias (Church of Greece).

The format of the conference will be in-person only. The working language of the conference is English. The Call for Papers will become available in February 2022. We are expecting 150-200 speakers. Registration will be open

in summer 2022. IOTA will respect the international protocols related to the pandemic and advise its members accordingly. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

IOTA-2023 in Volos, Greece



New IOTA Lectures Video: Archbishop Alexander Golitzin on Deification in St. Symeon the New Theologian

In 2020-2021, IOTA held several online international colloquia on the historical and theological aspects of deification. Given the importance of the topic of deification, we are delighted to share the presentations given at these colloquia in the form of newly launched IOTA Lectures.



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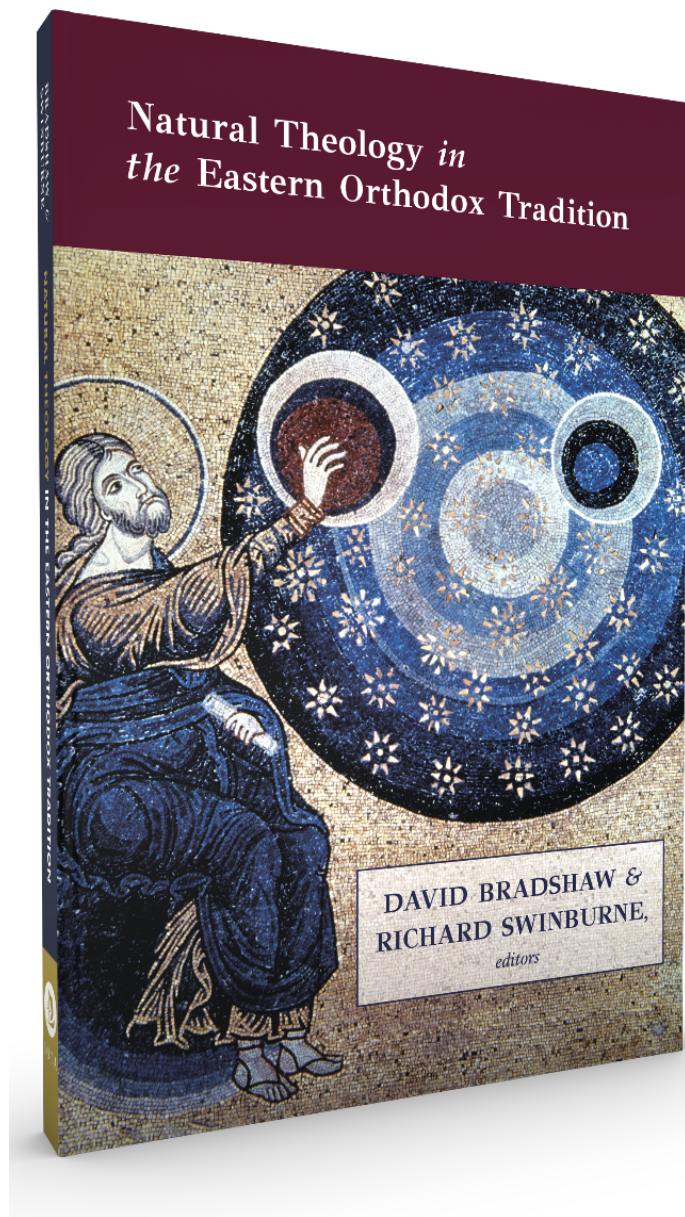
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