

PATRISTIC EXEGESIS *as* CONTEMPLATION

The Spiritual Sense of Scripture

BOSTON · THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8-10, 2026



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7:00 – 8:00 PM

PAUL BLOWERS

How Much Spirit is in the Letter? Contemplating the *Sensus Litteralis* in Patristic Exegesis

8:00 – 9:00 PM

PUBLIC RECEPTION

All parts of the conference to be held in the Maliotis Cultural Center

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KEYNOTE LECTURE

FRANCES YOUNG

Eisegesis as Spiritual Exegesis: Early Christians Reading Themselves into Scripture

9:45 – 10:30 AM

FR EUGEN J. PENTIUC

The Oxford Ancient Christian Study Bible: From *Glossa Ordinaria* to Study Bibles

10:45 – 11:30 AM

ELIZABETH A. DIVELY LAURO

Origen's Vision of Salvation through Scriptural Exegesis

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

MICHAEL B. COVER

From the Letter to the Syllable of Scripture: Jewish and Christian Roots of Clement of Alexandria's Expanding Spiritual Sense

2:00 – 2:45 PM

PETER MARTENS

How 'Spiritual' was Antiochene Biblical Commentary?

3:00 – 3:45 PM

FR GEORGE PARSENIOS

'Go from your Father's House' (Psalm 44:10 LXX): Theoria, Ekphrasis, and Exegesis in the Catechetical Orations of St. John Chrysostom

4:00 – 4:45 PM

HANS BOERSMA

Exegesis and Contemplation: Reflections on Maximus the Confessor

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LAURA LOCKE ESTES

Imagining the Matriarchs' Prayer in Syriac Metrical Homilies

9:30 – 10:15 AM

BOGDAN G. BUCUR

Exegesis and the Experience of Divine Indwelling in Ps.-Macarius

10:30 AM – 11:15 AM

FR BRIAN DUNKLE, SJ

Biblical Translation as Spiritual Interpretation in Hilary, Ambrose, and Jerome

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

JENNIFER HEVELONE-HARPER

Speaking with the Words of Scripture: Barsanuphius and John's Use of Scripture in Spiritual Direction

1:45 – 2:30 PM

IAN CHRISTOPHER LEVY

Determining the Spiritual Senses in the Later Middle Ages

2:45 – 3:30 PM

CLOSING PANEL

Fr Demetrios Bathrellos, Fr Demetrios Harper, Michael Legaspi, Tikhon Pino, Fr Alexis Torrance



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