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Liturgy as Practice, Space, and Theory in Eastern Christianities

Dear friends and colleagues,

Following up on the early CfP for the international conference “Liturgy as Practice, Space, and Theory in Eastern Christianities” (1–4 October 2019) which has attracted considerable academic attention, the editorial board of *Scrinium. Journal of Patrology and Critical Hagiography* (<http://brill.com/scri>) and Kirillo-Belozersky Federal State Museum (<https://kirmuseum.org/en>) as Organizers would like to ask those of you who intend to participate to finalize their submissions. In order to do so, please provide a paper title and a very short abstract (no more than 150 words) at liturgyconference2019@gmail.com by 1 May 2019. The only working language of the conference is English.

Conference objective & venue

Liturgical and para-liturgical practices are in the focus of discussion during the planned conference. Possible presentations, however, are not limited to (para)liturgical rites narrowly defined sense, and can involve cultic architecture, art, and their spaces as directly connected to liturgy and prayer; ascetical practices, and theological reflection on prayer and asceticism.

Kirillov as the conference venue is unique, located as it is at the heart of the Russian ‘Northern Thebaid’. It is a region where the Russian medieval hesychast movement led by St Nilus of Sora († 1508) emerged and developed. It is also the place where fascinating medieval Russian icons are preserved and exhibited at the Kirillo-Belozersky museum and its branches. Special mention among the invaluable assets of the museum deserves a UNESCO site Ferapontovo with the extraordinary frescoes by Dionysius (1502), also a branch of Kirillov museum.

Travel arrangements

Most of non-Russian nationals would need a visa to travel. The Organizers can provide support in obtaining visas and issue invitations on behalf of the Kirillov State Museum for speakers. The non-speakers, especially family members of the speakers, could obtain tourist visas in their countries; this procedure could be facilitated with the help of local travel agencies.

The town of Kirillov is accessible via air or train connections from Moscow and St Petersburg through either the city of Vologda or Cherepovets. Both are in about eight-hour train travel distance, or under an hour flight time. From Vologda/Cherepovets, a variety of local coaches can take you further to Kirillov. Connected flights to either Moscow or St Petersburg and then to Cherepovets would be perhaps the best option for those with limited previous experience of travelling in Russia. We will seek to arrange meeting international speakers at the airport in Cherepovets; more details will follow in due time.

The Organizers can provide full guidance in purchasing tickets and planning your trip on request. Accommodation can be arranged at local hotels set in the beautiful scenery around Kirillov.

Looking forward to seeing you in Kirillov,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee

Mikhail Sharomazov, Director of Kirillo-Belozersky Federal State Museum

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Basil Lourié, Editor-in-chief of *Scrinium. Journal of Patrology and Critical Hagiography*

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