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and great theologians of the past and beloved academic scholars of the present*

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PREFACE

ANTIΔΩΠON OF HONOUR AND MEMORY is a 3-volume-book. The first one is dedicated to Church leaders, and the second one to all those great theologians of the past and beloved academic scholars of the present. They both consist of my scholarly contributions in English. The third one contains all my contributions in Greek dedicated to both ecclesiastical figures and academic theologians. They are all my scholarly contributions produced within a period of 30 years, prepared and published mostly for Memorial or Festal volumes.

The 16 chapters of the first volume and the 24 of the second cover a wide scientific area of my special concerns, ranging from Biblical, to Liturgical, Ecumenical and Mission theology. All these scientific areas were sometimes mixed in a conscious attempt to go beyond the fragmentation of theology in our modern critical era. They are reprinted here with minor modifications, and the year of their first presentation, marked under their title in parenthesis.

The reader will immediately notice the progress both in the respective theological disciplines and in the author's views. At the same time some inevitable repetitions will come up, which were deliberately left unchanged for that purpose. They are all meant as a humble GIFT back (*ANTIΔΩΠON*) to all those ecclesiastical leaders for their pastoral, ecumenical and missionary service to the Church of Christ.

All of them in one capacity or another have rendered their service to the ecumenical (inter-Christian or inter-faith) dialogue, which according to the recommendation of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church is "important for all Christians, inspired by common fundamental principles of the Gospel...in response to the thorny problems of the contemporary world, based on the prototype of the new man in Christ." (*Relations of the Orthodox Church with the Rest of the Christian World*, § 23).

The first volume consists of 16 chapters.

Chapter 1 was my paper delivered at an ecumenical symposium on St. Paul, organized by the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in the margin of the 2008 Synaxis of the Primate of the Orthodox Churches. It first appeared in Archbishop Demetrios of America - J. Chryssavgis (eds.), *In the Footsteps of Saint Paul. An Academic Symposium. Papers Presented at the Pauline Symposium October 11-16, 2008, Brookline Massachusetts 2011*, pp. 153-167. In its Greek translation, as "Ἡ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἐλευθερία κατὰ τὸν Ἀπόστολο Παύλο," it was published in the Aristotle University's Theological School's Festal volume to Patriarch Bartholomew's 20th anniversary of his enthronement, entitled *Εἰς Μαρτύριον τοῖς Ἐθνεσι. Τόμος Χαρακτήριος Εἰκοσαετηρικός εἰς τὸν Οἰκουμενικὸν Πατριάρχη γ.κ. Βαρθολομαῖον, Θεσσαλονίκη 2011*, pp. 87-103.

Chapter 2 was prepared as an Orthodox contribution for an ad hoc issue on the Primacy of the Roman Pope of an East European journal, and for that reason I dedicated to the bishops of the Old and the New Rome of that date, Pope Benedict XVI and Patriarch Bartholomew.

Chapter 3 was prepared this year to honour His Beatitude the Patriarch of Alexandria for his initiative to revive in his Church the order of Deaconesses. A German translation was published in *Ökumenische Rundschau* 66 (4/2017) pp. 534-559.

Chapter 4 was my contribution to the Memorial volume of the late Patriarch of Antioch, Ignatius IV, entitled "Patriarch Ignatius IV of Antioch. A Great Spiritual Leader of Peace, Dialogue and Reconciliation, Koeln 2015, pp. 169-180.

Chapter 5 first appeared in *The Bible Translator* 35 (1985), pp. 129-134, and is now dedicated to the Patriarch of Jerusalem Theophilos.

Chapter 6 was my paper in an Inter-Faith conference organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of Orthodoxy on "The Social Dimension of Monotheistic Religions" (Istanbul, 2-5 March

2013). It is dedicated to Patriarch Cyril, taking one step further the areas not covered in his 2011 book, *Freedom and Responsibility: A Search for Harmony, Human Rights and Personal Dignity*.

Chapter 7 was first published in Daniel Patte (Gen.ed.), *Global Bible Commentary*, Nashville, 2004, pp. 412-418, and is now dedicated to the Patriarch of Belgrade Irinej.

Chapter 8 was first published in S. T. Kimbrough Jr (ed.), *Orthodox and Wesleyan Spirituality*, Crestwood New York 2002, pp. 101-116, and is now dedicated to the Patriarch of Bucharest Daniel.

Chapter 9 was my contribution to the late Archbishop Christodoulos' Memorial volume, edited by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece under the title, *Χριστόδουλος. Αφιέρωματικός τόμος*, Athens 2010, pp. 539-561. It was also published earlier in Italian translation in *La Parola di Dionella Vitae nella Missione della Chiesa*, Lateranum 08 LXXIV 1, Lateran University Press, 2008, pp.145-166.

Chapter 10 was my contribution to Archbishop Anastasios' Festschrift, entitled *El. Voulgarakis et.a.* (eds.), "Πορευθέντες...", *Χαριστήριο τόμος προς τιμήν του Αρχιεπισκόπου Αλβανίας Αναστασίου (Γιαννουλάτου)*, Athens 1997, pp. 77-97. It came out earlier in IRM 85 (1996), pp. 257-275, and slightly improved as ch. 2 of my book *Eucharist and Witness*, WCC-HC Press: Geneva-Boston, 1998. It is here published in its enlarged form, prepared for the "Reader" of the Global Christian Forum's project on Prosehytism.

Chapter 11 was prepared for a symposium of Orthodox and Catholics New Testament Scholars, held in Volos, Greece, and was published in *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 60 no 3-4 (2015), pp. 11-44.

Chapter 12 was published in the Memorial volume of the late Metropolitan Damaskinos Papandreou, *Εκκλησία-Οικουμενή-Πολιτική. Χαριστήρια στον Μητροπολίτη Αδριανουπόλεως Δαμασκηνό*, Athens 2007, pp. 643-654.

Chapter 13 was my contribution to a Festschrift of the first bishop of my diocese, under the title *Εικοσιπενταετηρίκόν. Αφιέρωμα στον Μητροπολίτη Νεαπόλεως και Σταυρουπόλεως κ. Διονύσιο, Νεαπόλη, Θεσσαλονίκη* 1999, pp. 313-321. It also appeared in *The Ecumenical Review* 51 (1999), pp. 25-30.

Chapter 14 was my contribution to the conference of the International Academy of Religious Sciences, in which Metropolitan of Pergamon Ioannis Zizioulas has rendered his invaluable service. It was published in S. G. Hall (ed.), *Jesus Christ Today. Studies of Christology in Various Contexts*, Berlin-New York 2009, pp. 45-62.

Chapter 15 was prepared for a symposium of Orthodox and Catholics New Testament Scholars held in Florence, Italy, and was later expanded on the 5th anniversary of the late Metropolitan of Nikopolis and Preveza Meletios Kalamaras' repose.

Chapter 16 was my contribution to a Festal volume for Metropolitan of Syros Dorotheos, entitled *Οιακοστρόφιον. Τιμητικός Τόμος Σεβασμιωτάτου Μητροπολίτη Σύρου-Τήνου κ. Δωροθέου Β', επί τη δεκαετηρίδι της Αρχιερατείας αυτού 2001-2011, Τinos* 2013. It was also published in *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 56 (2012), pp. 5-16.

The 24 chapters of the second volume are divided into three parts.

The first 7 chapters are all biblical studies of hermeneutical, exegetical and theological nature.

Chapter 17 was the contribution to my professor and later colleague Ioannis Anastasiou's Memorial Volume, *Μνήμη Ιωάννου Εφ. Αναστασίου*, Θεσσαλονίκη 1992, 51-59.

Chapter 18 was prepared and published in the Festschrift to the Rev. Professor Emeritus of the Holy Cross Orthodox Theological School, Theodore Stylianopoulos, *Studies in Orthodox Hermeneutics: A Festschrift in Honor of Theodore G. Stylianopoulos*

Chapter 19 is dedicated to my mentor in biblical scholarship, the late professor Savvas Agouridis. It was first published in his Festschrift published in *GOTR* 47 (2002) 139-163.

Chapter 20 was my contribution to the Memorial volume of my colleague Vasilios Stoyannos, entitled *ΔΙΑΚΟΝΙΑ. Αφιέρωμα στη Μνήμη Βασιλείου Στογιάννου*, Θεσσαλονίκη, 1988, 281-291. It first appeared as "Your Will be done: Reflections from St. Paul," IRM 75 (1986) 376-382.

Chapter 21 is dedicated to the late professor of Biblical Theology at St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary, Veselin Keshich. It was first published under the same title in SVTQ 36 (1992) 51-59.

Chapter 22 is dedicated to a great Orthodox scholar, the late Dean of St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary, John Meyendorff, first published in L. Padovese (ed.), *Atti del VII Simposio di Efeso Su S. Gionanni Apostolo*, Rome 1999, 143-156.

Chapter 23 is dedicated to my colleague, the Rev. Prof. Emeritus Paul Tarazi. It was published in Vol. 2 of the Electronic "Festschrift in Honor of Professor Paul Tarazi."

The next 7 chapters are all critical studies of ecumenical character.

Chapter 24 is dedicated to a great Orthodox ecumenical figure, the late Nikos Nissiotis, first published in P. Vassiliadis (ed.), *Oikoumene and Theology. The 1993-95 Erasmus Lectures in Ecumenical Theology*, Thessaloniki, 1996, 149-180.

Chapter 25 was the contribution I prepared for my colleague, Prof. Emeritus Ioannis Karavidopoulos' Festschrift, entitled *Αγία Γραφή και Σύγχρονος Άνθρωπος. Τιμητικός Τόμος στον Καθηγητή Ιωάννη Δ. Καραβιδόπουλο*, Thessaloniki 2006, 607-618.

Chapter 26 is dedicated to the most influential Orthodox theologian in modern time, Fr. George Florovsky, dean of St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary. It was first published in the *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 60 (1-4), 281-306.

Chapter 27 is dedicated to Prof. Emeritus Evangelos Theodorou, pioneer in raising the issue of the female diaconal ministry in the Orthodox Church, in honor of whom the conference on the subject was held in 2015. It appeared in *Fossil or Leaven. The Church we Hand Down. Essays Collected in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of New Skete*, New York/Montreal 2016, 176-181.

Chapter 28 is dedicated to my Italian colleagues, Adriana Destro and Mauro Pesce, being my Orthodox contribution (together with my pupil Prof. Dimitrios Passakos) to an anthropological conference organized and published by them on *Rituals and Ethics: Patterns of Repentance. Judaism, Christianity, Islam*, Peeters: Leuven 2004, 71-80.

Chapter 29 is dedicated to my colleague at the University of Bochum, Germany, and former Secretary General of WCC, Rev. Prof. Konrad Raiser. It is based on my response to his keynote address at a global consultation on ecumenical education and ministerial formation. Part of it was first published in J. Pobee (ed.), *Viable Theological Education. Ecumenical Imperative, Catalyst of Renewal*, Geneva 1997, 66-72.

Chapter 30 is dedicated to the Rev. Prof. Emeritus of the Holy Cross Orthodox Theological School Alkiviadis Kalivas. It was my contribution to a jointly organized with him Orthodox consultation (Athens, 2004), in preparation of the World Mission Conference, held in Athens, 2005.

The last 10 studies are of missiological nature.

Chapter 31 was my lecture at the May 2013 Colloquium of the Montreal Orthodox Institute on *Liturgical Renewal*, and is dedicated to the memory of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, pioneer in liturgical renewal. It first appeared in *Fossil or Leaven. The Church we Hand Down. Essays Collected in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of New Skete*, New York/Montreal 2016, pp. 183ff.

Chapter 32 was presented at a symposium to honour the great Romanian Orthodox theologian Dumitru Staniloae, and was published in *An Homage Dumitru Staniloae*, Bucarest 2002, 123-135.

Chapter 33 was dedicated to my colleague Prof. Emeritus Nikolaos Zacharopoulos upon his retirement. It was published under the same title in his Festschrift, *Τιμητικό αφιέρωμα στον Ομότιμο Καθηγητή Νίκο Γρ. Ζαχαρόπουλο*, ΕΕΘΣΘ 7 (1997) 21-44.

Chapter 34 was dedicated to my late colleague Prof. Emeritus Antonios-Emil Tachias upon his retirement. It was published under the same title in his Festschrift, *Τιμητικό Αφιέρωμα στον Ομότιμο Καθηγητή Αντώνιο-Αμίλιο Ταχιάο*, ΕΕΘΣΘ, 8 (1998) 75-94.

Chapter 35 was dedicated to my colleague Prof. Emeritus Grigorios Ziakas upon his retirement. It was published under the same title in his Festschrift, *Φιλία και Κοινωνία. Τιμητικός Τόμος στον Καθηγητή Γρηγόριο Δ. Ζιάκα*, Thessaloniki 2008, 647-662.

Chapter 36 was dedicated to my colleague Prof. Emeritus Georgios Mantzaridis upon his retirement. It was published in Greek in his Festschrift, *Θεολογία και Κόσμος σε Διάλογο. Τιμητικός*

Τόμος στον Καθηγητή Γεώργιο Ι. Μαντζαρίδη, *Thessaloniki* 2004, 127-144; and previously in J. Neusner (ed.), *God's Rule. The Politics of World Religions*, Georgetown University Press, Washington 2003, 86-105.

Chapter 37 was dedicated to my colleague Prof. Emeritus Georgios Galitis upon his retirement. It was published under the same title in his *Festschrift*, *Διακονία-Λειτουργία-Χάρισμα. Τιμητικός Τόμος προς τον Ομότιμο Καθηγητή Γεώργιο Α. Γαλίτη*, Athens 2006, 583-593.

Chapter 38 was dedicated to the memory of the Romanian Orthodox missiologist, serving for many years at the World Council of Churches, Rev. Ion Bria. It was published under the same title in his *Memorial Volume*, N. Mosoiu (ed.), *The Relevance of Reverend Professor Ion Bria's Work for Contemporary Society and for the Life of the Church*, Sibiu 2010, 123-128 (and in Romanian 129-134).

Chapter 39 is dedicated to the memory of my colleague Alexander Gousidis. It was published after his retirement in his *Festschrift*, *Τιμητικό Αφιέρωμα στον Ομότιμο Καθηγητή Αλέξανδρο Γουσίδη*, ΕΕΘΣΘ 9 (1999) 75-94.

Chapter 40 was dedicated to my colleague, Prof. Emeritus Georgios Patronos, upon his retirement. It was recently published in his *Festschrift*, *Εκκλησία-Θεολογία-Βασιλεία. Τιμητικός Τόμος για τόν Ομότιμο Καθηγητή τοῦ Πανεπιστημίου Ἀθηνῶν Γεώργιο Π. Πατρῶνο*, Athens 2018.

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