



Summer School Announcement

Byzantine Thessaloniki and the Slavs

July 3-9, 2023

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During the Byzantine era (from 324 to 1430) Thessaloniki became the co-reigning city of the Byzantine Empire and played an important role for Christianity during the Middle Ages. It was decorated by impressive buildings and monuments, fifteen of them were included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The Slavic sieges of Thessaloniki from the late 6th century onwards (described in the Miracles of Saint Demetrius) failed to interrupt the cultural evolution of the city, which reached a very high level at the Palaiologan period. The conversion of the Slavs by Cyril and Methodius, two brothers from Thessaloniki, in the 9th century, and the creation of an alphabet (Glagolitic) marked the beginning of the cultural influence exercised by Thessaloniki on the Slavic world. The strong ties with Athos (The Holy Mountain) also, gave impulse to the spiritual development of the Slavs and the Orthodox literature.

The Association “Byzantine Oecumene” (Thessaloniki/ <https://www.facebook.com/ByzantineOecoumene>) is pleased to announce the organization of its first Summer School program to be held in Thessaloniki, from July 3 to July 9, 2023. Students will have the chance to participate to an intensive program in Byzantine and Slavic Studies about Thessaloniki and its area. Classes will take place at the premises of Byzantine Oecumene in the center of Thessaloniki.

Program Structure: The program includes daily course class sessions (two lectures in the mornings, one lecture and visits to the monuments in the afternoons/”Byzantine Thessaloniki alive”), smaller discussion sections, as well as field trips, excursions and activities, that will allow participants to delve into Thessaloniki’s Byzantine cultural heritage as well as the bonds between Thessaloniki and the world of the Slavs.

Date: July 3, 2023 – July 9, 2023

Course Format and Length: In-Person, 1 week, 5 hours per day

Language of Instruction: English

Eligibility: Students of all levels and scholars of Humanities are encouraged to apply. The Summer School will host c. 30 participants.

Fees: 480€ . The deposit of the amount will take place between 20 and 25 of June, after notification.

Bank account: IBAN GR80 0172 2330 0052 3310 1822 187

SWIFT-BIC of Piraeus Bank: PIRBGRAA

In the case you have to cancel your participation after June 25, we reimburse 50% of the fees. Using Credit Card or Ideal, your payment will be refunded into the same account. By wire transfer, certain details to reimburse the fee are requested (not preferred).

The program fees include:

- Tuition
- Scheduled cultural activities (visits, trips, excursions)
- Coffee breaks included in the Program
- Course materials
- Entrance in museums and guided visits
- Miscellaneous

The participants are responsible to arrange their insurance coverage and accommodation during the Summer School.

Accreditation: On completion of the course, each student will receive a certificate of attendance

Application Procedure: March 20, 2023 to June 20, 2023

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