

ST PHILARET'S CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX INSTITUTE
presents

The VIII Research and Training Conference

CATECHESIS IN THE TRADITION OF THE HOLY FATHERS

**WHO IS MAN? HOW THE HUMAN PERSON IS TO BE PRESENTED
IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MAIN STAGE OF CATECHESIS**

19-21 May 2014

The present Conference continues a series of conferences dedicated to the problems of reviving the practice of catechesis following the tradition of the Holy Fathers. At the previous conferences (2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013) we discussed the goals and objectives of catechesis, the criteria for evaluating its quality, the length and general content of each of its stages, the specific problems of reviving catechesis in the contemporary setting, first-stage teaching of catechumens (the so-called 'listeners'), and the practice of training catechists. We have also discussed the content and characteristic features of the main stage of catechesis, which involves the actual preparation of the catechumen for baptism and/or reception into the Church.

At the 2014 SFI Conference we will continue to discuss the main stage of catechesis. Specifically we hope to discuss the following content blocks forming part of the catechetical process:

- Creation, Calling, and the Fall of Man
- Man as God's Image and Likeness
- Tutelage Leading Man to Christ (the Law and the Prophets) and Man's Repentance
- Man's Redemption and Salvation
- Man before the Law, in the Old Testament, and in the New Testament
- Eschatological Perceptions of Man on Earth and in Heaven

Each day of the Conference will start with a plenary session followed by workshops and conclude with a wrap-up session.

Plans are to subsequently publish conference materials in a volume containing both the presentations and the discussion.

We invite all those interested in the topic – first and foremost clergy and lay people involved in the practice of catechesis – to take part in the Conference.

Please submit your **application** to the Organising Committee at conference@sfi.ru **before 30 April 2014**. Please state your full name, place of work or ministry, position, e-mail address, and telephone number. The Conference will take place in the Transfiguration Culture and Education Centre located in Moscow Oblast, Istra region. The organisers will provide accommodation, meals, and transfer from Moscow to the Conference venue. Application fee is 1,500 RUR.

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