

## WHY A SYMPOSIUM?

For most of the past century the mainline churches in North America and Western Europe have been seriously challenged by the influx of multicultural immigrants and the secularization process in their respective societies.

The Orthodox Churches in Canada in general, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC) in particular, are confronted by pluralism and secularization challenges. In order to deal effectively with these challenges we need to understand how these world views differ from a patristic Orthodox Christian world view. Much too often, many of our members are permeated with a non-Orthodox Christian world view without even realizing it. In the absence of a solid grounding in the teachings of the Orthodox Faith on a level capable of challenging secular and other worldview assumptions and in the absence of an experienced 'life in Christ' a large percentage of our faithful lead nominal -superficial Christian lives.

The purpose of this Symposium is to deepen our understanding of the differences between these world views. To do this, as a first step, we need to explore in some depth the Orthodox Christian view on the relationship between Faith and Culture and then go on to systematically explore the points of conflict.

## Registration Form

Sign up for:	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Registration—including all meals—Saturday and Sunday	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Symposium Registration without meals	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday - Sunday Breakfast each	\$ 8.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday—Sunday Lunch each	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Supper	\$ 20.00
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**“Faith and Culture:  
Orthodox Christian Life**

**Today and the Challenge of  
Pluralism and  
Secularization”**

**A National  
Symposium**



Date: August 18—20, 2006

SELO GARDENS  
1106 McNiven Avenue  
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## SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES

- To review, clarify and renew-deepen our understanding of how the **Orthodox Faith views- understands culture, cultural expression and cultural endeavor.**
- To deepen and broaden the scope of what we commonly assume is encompassed by the term 'culture' in our **Ukrainian Orthodox community.**
- To deepen our understanding of how **Orthodox Christian implicit and explicit 'worldview assumptions'** differ from those of the dominant North American popular culture.
- To review, clarify and renew our understanding of the **original vision of lay participation in the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada as articulated by our predecessors and the prerequisites for Gospel based effective lay participation.**

## SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

Friday Evening August 18

4:30 Vespers—Selo Chapel

6:00 Registration

7:00 – 7:15 PM Moleben – Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter Dr. Krawchenko—Selo Chapel

7:15 – 7:30 Opening Session – Remarks by Symposium 2006 Chairman Yaroslav Lozowchuk and USRA National President Dr. Tony Harras

7:30 – 9:30

**Part I: The Teaching and Past Practice**

a) **Faith and Culture - Orthodox Christian Teaching (The Orthodox Theology of Faith and Culture)**

Presenter - Rt. Rev. Protopresbyter. Dr. Oleg Krawchenko, St. Andrew's College, University of Manitoba

Discussant – Dr. Roman Yereniuk, St. Andrew's College, University of Manitoba

b) **Faith and Culture – A Case Study: Faith and Culture in Kyivan Rus-Ukraine**

Presenter – Dr. Serhii Plokhii, Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta

Discussant—TBA

Questions and Discussion

9:30 Reception

Saturday August 19

8:00 – 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Feast of Transfiguration—Selo Chapel

9:30 – 10:00 Breakfast

**Part II: The Challenge: Applying Today the Teaching and Lessons from the Past**

10:00 – 11:15

a) **The Challenge of Living Today as an Orthodox Christian in North America**

Presenter: James Kushiner, Publisher of

Touchstone Magazine, Chicago

Discussant: Rev. Father Bohdan Hladio, Chair of Presidium-Chancellor, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

Questions

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

b) **Law and Politics: The Challenge of Being Orthodox and Working as a Lawyer and Serving as a Politician Today –**

Moderator—Dr. Tony Harras

Round Table Discussion – Vasyl Balan, Regional Director, Canadian Heritage, Myron Kowlasky, MLA and Speaker of the Saskatchewan Legislature, Stephania Luciuk, Esso Corporate Lawyer, Calgary and Rev. Father Taras Udod, Priest and Lawyer, North Battleford

Questions

## SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00

c) **Arts, Literature and Education: The Challenge of Being Orthodox and Being a Musician, Teacher, Visual Artist or Writer Today**

Moderator – Father Brent Kuzyk, Chaplain, National Executive, USRA

Round Table Discussion - Myrna Kostash, writer, Oleksa Lozowchuk, composer and film producer (via video presentation), Rev. Father Deacon

Nazari Polataiko, iconographer, and Larisa Sembaliuk-Cheladyn, visual artist and Sandra Senyk, Teacher, Regina

Questions

3:00 – 3:15 Nutrition Break

3:15 – 5:00

d) **The Challenge of Being Orthodox and Being a Scientist or Medical Practitioner Today -**

Presentation: Science – Faith Interface - Dr. Gayle Woloschak, Professor in the Department of Radiology at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago

Moderator: Gerald Luciuk

Round Table Discussion: Dr. Gayle Woloschak, Dobrodiyka Sonia Udod – Professor of Nursing and Doctoral Candidate, North Battleford and Keren Ganshorn, Physician, Regina.

5:00 – 6:30 Supper Break

7:00 – 9:00

e) **Panel Discussion – Implications of the Ethno-cultural Dimension -- An Orthodox Perspective on the Future of Ukrainian Canadian Culture**

Moderators: Vasyl Balan and Rev Father Bohdan Hladio

Sunday August 20

8:00 – 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy – Selo Chapel

9:15 – 9:45 Breakfast

**Part III - From Lessons To Action**

9:45 – 12:00 **Group Session - Summarizing the Lessons for Orthodox Personal, Family and Community Life**

Session Leaders: Yaroslav Lozowchuk and Dr. Roman Yereniuk

12:00 – 1:00 PM Dinner

1:00 – 2:30 **Group Session – Lessons for USRA National Executive/Branches**

2:30 **Closing Remarks** - Dr. Tony Harras, President, National Executive USRA