

Professor J.B.C. Petropoulos Awarded The Florovsky Theological Prize

The Trustees of the Florovsky Fund, established in 1992 in honor of the late Protopresbyter Georges Florovsky by a group of clergy and academics who were his students at Harvard University, the Princeton Theological Seminary, and Princeton University, periodically award the Florovsky Theological Prize to outstanding scholars in recognition of their lifelong contributions to the Orthodox community through writing, teaching, and other intellectual achievements.

On June 1, 2011, the Trustees, voting unanimously, awarded the prize to Professor J.B.C. Petropoulos, Professor of Ancient Greek Literature at the Democritean University of Thrace and Director of the Harvard University Center for Hellenic Studies in Nafplion, Greece (*pictured below in his office at Navplion*). A graduate of Harvard University, Professor Petropoulos received his doctoral degree at Oxford University. Among the past awardees



whom he will join are the Very Reverend George Metallinos, former Dean of the School of Theology at the University of Athens; Dr. John E. Rexine, Charles A. Dana Professor Emeritus of the Classics at Colgate University; Professor Constantine Cavarinos, President of the Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies; His Eminence, Bishop Photii of Triaditza and the Very Reverend Archimandrites Seraphim and Sergius, all former faculty members of the School of Theology of the University of Sofia, in Bulgaria; and Their Eminences, Metropolitan Vlasie, Chief Hierarch of the Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Romania; Metropolitan Vitaly, Chief Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad; and Metropolitan Cyprian, Chief Hierarch of the Old Calendar Orthodox Church of Greece, Holy Synod in Resistance.

Acting on behalf of the Trustees, His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike, a former Princeton student of Father Florovsky and Director of the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies in Etna, California, announced the award, which is accompanied by an honorarium of one thousand dollars, with the following commendation:

“The twelve Trustees of the Florovsky Fund have unanimously voted to award the Florovsky Theological Prize to Professor John B.C. Petropoulos in recognition of his remarkable scholarly career and his contributions to Orthodox Patristic studies, citing in particular his contributions to the monumental four-volume English text of the *Evergetinos*, the standard Greek collection of the writings of the desert Fathers, as well as his most recent book, published by the Harvard University Press in its Hellenic Studies Series, *Kleos in a Minor Key: The Homeric Education of a Little Prince*, an important contribution to our understanding of the social and pedagogical traditions of Hellenism, which have so directly influenced the Eastern Christian ethos. Few academics in our time have the breadth of knowledge, command of languages, and scholarly élan of Dr. Petropoulos, who has contributed so much to the Orthodox world, the world of classical studies, and our understanding of classical values.”

Since 1990, Professor Petropoulos has served on the Board of Advisors of the Center for Traditionalist Orthodox Studies, which oversees the Florovsky Fund on behalf of its Trustees. □