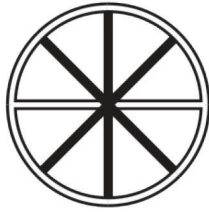


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THE ORTHODOX CHURCH AND THE SHOAH

Wednesday and Thursday, April 23-24, 2025

2 pm – 4 pm EDT / 8 pm – 10 pm CET

Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the liberation of many of the Nazi death camps in the final months of the Second World War, **The Wheel** journal, **Orthodox Christians in Dialogue with Jews**, **Volos Academy for Theological Studies**, and **ACER-MJO** are co-hosting an online conference.

The conference will encompass four online sessions. The first three will feature three 20-minute talks and the final session will be an open discussion among all the panelists.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85176027925?pwd=cGZpSGpTWHplZXFZRFlhWFVlMHhYdz09>

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 23

Contextualizing the Shoah (Holocaust)

- Why should we continue to remember the Shoah? - *Rabbi Dr. David Sandmel, International Council of Christians and Jews*
- The theological problem of the Shoah in Orthodox Christian tradition – *V. Rev. Geoffrey Ready, University of Toronto*
- Orthodox liturgical tradition and hymns seen through the lens of the Shoah - *Olga Meerson, Georgetown University*

Remembering the Righteous Among the Nations

The stories of Orthodox Christian saints and heroes whose courageous actions saved Jewish lives

- How did the righteous become righteous? – *Rev. Hildo Bos, St. Nicholas Church, Amsterdam*

- The example of Mother Maria of Paris - *Andreas Alexopoulos, Volos Academy*
- The example of Fr Cyril Argenti - *Olga Lossky*

Thursday, April 24

Reckoning with Orthodox Involvement in the Shoah

Antisemitism, Fascism, and direct participation in the Holocaust within Orthodox Christian nations

- Serbian Church during the Shoah - *Rastko Lompar, Institute for Balkan Studies*
- The case of the Church of Romania – *Ionut Biliuta, Romanian Academy*
- Between the Cross and the Swastika: Orthodox bishops, Mount Athos, and the Nazi-Occupied Greece - *Nikos Kouremenos, Volos Academy*

Closing Panel

- The Holocaust in the Context of the Interreligious Dialogue – *Rev. Dr. Filotheos Maroudas, Volos Academy*
- Open roundtable - *moderated by Inga Leonova, The Wheel*