GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2016
Instructor: Dr. Marcus Plested
Course #: THEO 8450
Course Title: Special Questions in the History of Christian Thought
Topic: Greek East and Latin West, 1261-1724

Content:

In this course we shall be examining in detail the relations between Western and Eastern Christian traditions from the Byzantine recapture of Constantinople from the Latins down to the Antiochian schism of 1724. 1054 (the date often alleged as marking the schism between Greek East and Latin West) was far from marking a definitive break in communion between Orthodox and Catholics but was simply a marker within a much longer and more complex process of estrangement and rapprochement, a process that may be regarded as reaching a formal state of separation only in 1724. Topics to be studied include (inter alia): Thomas Aquinas on the Greek East, Gregory Palamas on the Latin West; Unionism and anti-Unionism in late Byzantium; the re-union councils of Lyons and Ferrara-Florence; Gennadios Scholarios – the Thomist Patriarch; translating the Fathers in East and West; Greek learning in Renaissance Italy; proposals for re-union in the Ottoman Era; Cyril Lukaris – the Calvinist Patriarch; Protestant-Orthodox dialogue in the Early Modern period; Orthodox-Catholic communio in sacris; Orthodoxy and the Enlightenment; Orthodox-Catholic competition in the Holy Land.

Format:  

Assignments and/or Examinations:

Language Pre-requisites: