



2011 Theotokos Lecture

7 P.M. — THURSDAY, SEPT. 29, 2011
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PREDESTINATION, *SOLA GRATIA* AND MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

An Ecumenical Reading of a (Still) Church-dividing Doctrine

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The Catholic Church's doctrine of Mary's Immaculate Conception has long been regarded as a stumbling block to the eventual reunion of the Christian churches. Not only does the doctrine seem to conflict with Scripture, which says that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3: 23), but, when examined more closely, the doctrine dovetails with important Reformation concerns, especially unmerited grace and predestination. This lecture will seek to illuminate the topics of unmerited grace and predestination through the prism of this important doctrine.



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