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# Saints and Sanctity

## shared witness, shared vocation

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Metr. Philip Saliba Auditorium

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**Robin Darling Young** has taught in the fields of History of Christianity (Wesley Theological Seminary), Greek Patristic Theology (The Catholic University of America) and Armenian Studies (The University of Chicago). She is currently Associate Professor of Theology at Notre Dame. She has served on boards and program committees for the American Society of Church History, the Syriac Studies Symposium, the American Catholic Historical Association, and the American Academy of Religion, and has consulted for the National Endowment for the Humanities. She is a member of the Eastern Orthodox-Roman Catholic Consultation, and the Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic Consultation.

**Peter Bouteneff** is Assistant Professor of Dogmatic Theology at St Vladimir's Seminary. He teaches courses in historical and modern theology, as well as ecumenism, spirituality, and film. Before coming to the seminary he served for five years on the executive staff of Faith and Order in the World Council of Churches.

**Richard Schneider** has taught for 30 years at York University, Toronto, and is visiting professor at St Vladimir's Seminary. He teaches primarily in the fields of iconology, art history, church history, and theology. He is currently president of the Canadian Council of Churches.

**H.E. Archbishop Cyril Mor Aphrem** is Patriarchal Vicar and Archbishop of the Archdiocese of the Syrian Orthodox Church for the Eastern US. He has studied in Syria and in Ireland, and has taught at the St Ephrem Theological Seminary in Damascus.

**Chorepiscopus John Meno** is the chancellor of the Syrian Orthodox Archdiocese for the Eastern U.S., and dean of St Mark's Syrian Orthodox Cathedral, Teaneck, NJ. He is a member of the Standing Conference of Oriental Orthodox Churches, co-chair of the Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic Dialogue in the U.S., and member of the Joint Commission of the Oriental Orthodox and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

**Roberta Ervine** is Associate Professor of Armenian Studies at St Nersess Armenian Seminary. From 1981-2001 she studied and worked in Jerusalem, eventually teaching in the Holy Translators Academy of the Armenian Patriarchate and at the Hebrew University.

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### Schedule of events

- 10:00**      **Opening Prayer (Syrian Orthodox Tradition)**  
**Welcome**
- 10:45-11:30**   **Fr Daniel Findikyan**  
Communion *With* the Saints or  
Communion *in* the Saints?
- 11:45-12:45**   **Prof. Robin Darling Young**  
Doctors without Borders:  
The Curative Properties of Foreign Sainthood  
for Inter-Orthodox Dialogue
- 1:00**            **LUNCH** in Kunett Auditorium, beneath the chapel
- 2:00-2:45**      **Prof. Peter Bouteneff**  
Reading the Lives of the Saints Today
- 3:00-3:45**      **Prof. Richard Schneider**  
Reading the Icons of the Saints Today
- 4:00-4:45**      **Panel Presentation and Discussion**  
**Chorepiscopus John Meno**, Moderator  
**H.E. Archbishop Cyril Mor Aphrem**  
**Prof. Roberta Ervine**  
- together with the day's speakers
- 5:00**            **Vespers in Three Hierarchs' Chapel**
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