

Colloquium on Oriental Orthodox Liturgical Music in Theological Education



KEYNOTE ADDRESS & EVENING PROGRAM

OCTOBER 29, 2026, 7 P.M. ET

Open to the Public in Person & Online



*“With One Voice: Sacred Chant, Liturgical Function,
and Orthodox Theology”*

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COLLOQUIUM SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 29-30, 2026

Open to the Public for In-Person Attendance Only

**All events will take place in the Metropolitan Philip Auditorium located in
the John G. Rangos Family Foundation Building, unless otherwise noted.*

Thursday, October 29

1:30 P.M. — Opening of the Colloquium & Welcoming Remarks

DR. IONUȚ-ALEXANDRU TUDORIE, *Dean*

DR. PETER C. BOUTENEFF, *Director of the Institute of Sacred Arts*

1:40 P.M. — “Teaching Armenian Chant through the Centuries”

DR. HAIG UTIDJIAN

3:00 P.M. — Coffee Break

3:20 P.M. — “Cultivation and Study of the Gə’əz Liturgical Chant/Zema”

DR. HABTEMICHAEL KIDANE

5:00 P.M. — Vespers & Compline (Malankara Syriac Rite)

St. Thomas Malankara Chapel (Met. Leonty Educational Building)

5:45 P.M. — Dinner Break

7:00 P.M. — KEYNOTE ADDRESS & EVENING PROGRAM

THE RIGHT REV. DR. DANIEL FINDIKYAN, *Keynote Speaker*

Ethiopian Liturgical Chant Performance by Vocal Ensemble of St. John the Baptist Ethiopian Orthodox
Tewahedo Church, Boston, MA

8:30 P.M. — Reception

Friday, October 30

7:30 A.M. — Matins (Eastern Orthodox)

Three Hierarchs Chapel

Breakfast to Follow (Germack Building Refectory)

9:15 A.M. — “Teaching Syriac Chant in the Modern World: Hymnody, Theology, and the Transmission of Faith”

DR. GABRIEL AYDIN

9:50 A.M. — “Coptic Church Music & Theological Education: Current Practices and Future Prospects?”

THE REV. DR. ARSENIUS MIKHAIL

10:30 A.M. — Coffee Break

10:50 A.M. — “Coptic Liturgical Progress: Enhancing the Transmission of Coptic Theology in Music”

DANIEL GIRGIS

12:00 P.M. — Third & Sixth Hour Prayers (Malankara Syriac Rite)

St. Thomas Malankara Chapel (Met. Leonty Educational Building)

12:30 P.M. — Lunch Break

2:00 P.M. — PANEL DISCUSSION: Student Experiences

DANIEL GIRGIS, *Chair*

3:00 P.M. — Coffee Break

3:20 P.M. — PANEL DISCUSSION: Faculty & Staff Experiences

THE REV. DN. DR. HARRISON RUSSIN, *Chair*

DR. PETER C. BOUTENEFF

JULIANA WOODILL

THE REV. DN. ALEXANDER HATCHER

4:20 P.M. — General Discussion & Colloquium Conclusion