

Preface

It is a great honour to bring a new issue of *Icoana Credintei - Icon of Faith, International Journal of Interdisciplinary Scientific Research* into the scientific world, especially when the journal aims to publish high quality manuscripts.

The 9th issue of *Icoana Credintei* (IFIJISR) encompasses a group of articles on various themes, dedicated to the areas of Theology, Education, Science and Religion. In addition, although Theology, Education, Science and Religion studies have been a major focus for our life and many scholars understand their value, only a few spend their time actually exploring related issues.

In this context the committee of corresponding authors for the issue 9, (2019) of *Icoana Credintei*, invite authors and readers to visit our website to review articles and items of interest. The issue starts with the keynote lecture “*Biblical perceptions about diversity and identity in a world of migration*”, delivered by Professor *Hristea G. KARAIANNIS*, Ph.D.

The next paper belongs to *Marian VÎLCIU*, Ph.D, entitled: “*Several specifications concerning the problem of the Calendar*”. Since the very beginnings of his existence, the humanity was preoccupied by this phenomenon, and even if time is an abstract concept, as it can't be divided, there was the preoccupation for a certain concretization of time, a system of measurement, so that, according to this periodization, man would be able to manage and unfold his social, material and religious life. *Nicolae PREDA*, PhD, signs the paper, entitled: “*The Little Lity for the Dead*”- *short historical-liturgical approach* and *Ventzislav KARAVALTICHEV*, Ph.D, bears the title: “*Romania and Romanian Orthodox Church through the view of Patriarch Cyril of Bulgaria according to his “Diaries”*”.

The following issue, unfolded by. *Nicusor BELDIMAN*, Ph.D is the “*Religious-Moral tenets in the Sermons of Father Arsenie Boca*”. The scientific research is centred on one of the outstanding figures of 20th-century Romanian preaching: Father Arsenie Boca, a great spiritual director, greatly revered by the Romanian people both in his lifetime and today, and a victim of communist persecutions. The next paper belongs to *Ion Marian CROITORU*, Ph.D. and brings new clues in understanding “*Empirical theology, the only dynamic reality vitalizing the synergy between academic theology and the Church mission in the contemporary society*”.

The next article belongs to *Traian Alexandru MIU*, Ph.D. in which he exposes the theme: “*The Christian roots of Europe*”. Author emphasised the major idea and conclusion that the Europe needs Christianity to exist, to not sink, to be able to live in peace and build a civilization of good understanding between its citizens. *Cecilia CURIS*, Ph.D. signs the paper, entitled: “*Stress, Psychosomatic disorders and Thanatophobia syndrome*”. The issue 9, (2019) of *Icoana Credintei*, ends with *Andrei Emanuel RADU*, Ph.D. paper: “*Modes of Persuasion in the Sermons of Father Professor Constantin Galeriu*”.

Therefore, the content of the current issue is a good invitation to read theological, philosophical and moral-educational researches on specific themes from the field supporting thus the scientific aim of *Icoana Credintei*, international journal published by *Ideas Forum International Academic and Scientific Association (IFIASA)* in collaborations with members of the *Faculty of Orthodox Theology and Education Sciences*, “*Valahia*” University, Târgoviște, Romania.